ABOUT JA

Our Mission

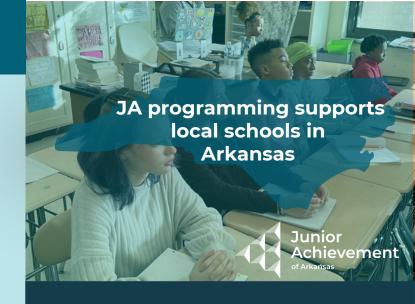
Our mission is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. We do this by providing financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship programs.





Who We Are

Junior Achievement of Arkansas is part of the JA Worldwide network and has been serving students in Arkansas since 1987. However, JA of Arkansas operates as a local non-profit and is completely dependent on local investors and partners to fulfill our mission. JA partners with local corporations and organizations to provide classroom volunteers in K-12 classrooms to teach students foundational financial literacy skills that will directly impact their future success. Students in middle and high school also have additional opportunity for impact through our Career Speaker's Series and JA Personal Finance curriculum, job shadows, and internships.



Junior Achievement has unique capabilities that differentiate our education and economic mobility solutions.



Authentic & Engaging Real-World Connection



Track Record of Expertise in Experiential Learning



Trust & Credibility With School District Partners



Deep Understanding of Skills Needed for Future Work



JA Disrupts the Cycle of Poverty

JA equips students with essential skills, empowering them to make informed decisions, set career goals, and achieve economic success. Junior Achievement paves the way for brighter futures and more equitable communities.



JA Teaches Transferable Skills

Students who participate in JA learn perseverance, resilience, self confidence, financial management and process thinking. They become better employees, consumers and citizens.



JA Feeds the Workforce Pipeline

JA exposes students to job possibilities they didn't know existed. Students learn about various career options, entrepreneurship, skill set development, soft skills, and more, which is essential for a successful career trajectory.

2024-25 IMPACT

STUDENTS

34,830 STUDENTS

54 schools (1,009 learning experiences)

22 school districts

"I enjoyed Mr. Powell and everything he shared with my Marketing Class. He spoke about overcoming adversity, challenges and failures. My parents tell me all the time that failure is a part of succeeding and hearing this from a Businessman makes it more believable. I look forward to hearing from other Guest Speakers." -Jayla



JAARK

"The work you all do as volunteers is inspiring. Our students are able to see real-world connections to our business community and partners and learn from them how to apply important economic concepts. This is the of beginning empowering equipping our students to make sound financial decisions and to positively impact their own futures and the world around them." Korienne Tonev **Principal at Mathias Elementary School**

TOP FIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- SPRINGDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT
- 2 LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT
- 3 BENTONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
- 4 WATSON CHAPEL SCHOOL DISTRICT
- PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

VOLUNTEERS

JA programs are delivered by volunteers who provide a window between classroom learning and future careers by sharing their life and career experiences, transforming JA lessons into an examples of inspiration and empowerment.

\$1,725,975.72

(the value of volunteer time)

75,502

volunteer hours donated by

434

volunteers in 2024-25

TOP VOLUNTEER PARTNERS

ARVEST BANK
BANK OF AMERICA
BANK OZK
CENTENNIAL BANK
CFO NETWORK
CHAMBERS BANK
ENCORE BANK
EQUITY BANK
FIRST HORIZON BANK
REGIONS BANK
RELYANCE BANK
SIMMONS BANK
WALMART

"Relyance Bank is honored to partner with Junior Achievement of Arkansas & the Watson Chapel School District. Volunteering this spring over a 6-week period to teach 3rd graders at Coleman Elementary through JA's financial literacy program was a truly rewarding experience. Watching the children's faces light up as they grasped new concepts through the lessons we taught is a reminder of the power of education and community. Our team at Relyance Bank is proud to play a small part in the futures of these young students. Thank you to Junior Achievement for your role in their lives."

AVP, Marketing and Communications, Relyance Bank

Since 1987, JAARK has been enabling Arkansas youth to own their economic futures.

Through JA pathways of financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and work readiness, volunteers bring JA learning experiences to K-12 Arkansas classrooms at no cost to the schools. Here's how we performed in 2024-25.

DONATE TIME



DONATE MONEY





JAARK

"To my enjoyment, I watched them interact with real companies that made up multiple industries. Because of this, learners received access to a higher chance of meeting their interests. Students left the experience with a deeper understanding of companies and fields where they continued their interests, and where some found new desires."

Angela Braggs
Educator at Southwest High School



THANK YOU TO OUR 2024-2025 JA VOLUNTEER BUSINESS PARTNERS

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ABC Financial

Arkansas Attorney General's Office

Arkansas Travelers

Arvest Bank

Atlanta Hatsfield Airport

Bank of America

Bank of the Ozarks

Bank OZK

Bryant Chamber of Commerce

Centennial Bank

Central Bank

CFO Network

Chambers Bank

Chase Bank

City of Hot Springs

City of Little Rock

Eagle Bank & Trust

Encore Bank

First Horizon Bank

Haleon

J Dodson Plumbing

James Law Firm

Jersey Mike's Subs

Justin Minton Law

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Keller Williams Realty

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Merrill Lynch

Mitchell Williams Law Firm

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Parkview Arts-Sci Magnet High School

Philander Smith College

Pulaski County Courthouse

PWC

Regions Bank

Relyance Bank

Sams Club

Signature Bank of Arkansas

Simmons Bank

Smart Eye Technology

Southern Bancorp Bank

Staley Technologies

State Farm Insurance

Stone Bank

UA Little Rock

US Bank

Vestcom

Walmart

Watson Chapel School District



"We are excited to be able to partner with Junior Achievement of Arkansas to help bring valuable financial literacy programs to students in Northwest Arkansas. JA has provided the tools and support necessary to facilitate this effort and our team in Arkansas has enjoyed our partnership. Looking forward to our future in partnership with Junior Achievement of Arkansas"

Cleve Wortham

Regional President, Ozark Mountain Region, Equity Bank