

JA High School Heroes

Program Brief

JA High School Heroes provides leadership development opportunities to high school students who deliver JA programs in elementary schools. This program is an optional addition for which JA Areas can receive 2-4 Instructional Contact Hours per student, awarded only for hours beyond standard volunteer training for high school students.

Following participation in the program, students will be able to:

- Identify qualities of a leader and recognize the role of civic leadership in a community.
- Use strong presentation skills to communicate effectively.
- Recognize and use techniques that further teamwork and achieve group goals.
- Use a problem-solving technique to solve personal and professional problems.
- Apply critical-thinking skills to work-based problems.
- · Recognize that decisions have consequences.
- Recognize the value of constructive feedback and the growth mind-set.
- · Develop a personal action plan.



Session Titles and Summaries:

- **Effective Civic Leadership** Students explore the importance of leadership skills and the value of community involvement. They learn the importance of communication and conflict-management skills to achieve group goals.
- **Presentation Skills and Classroom Management** Students learn effective presentation techniques to get an audience's attention and keep it. They gain insight into classroom dynamics to assist with managing elementary school students when in that environment.
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Students advance their critical-thinking skills so they can adapt quickly to new circumstances and develop successful solutions to problems.
- Reflection Students share their JA High School Heroes experience and learn about its relevance to their futures. They complete a self-assessment designed to reiterate lessons about leadership, presentations, and critical thinking.



Join Junior Achievement's national network of more than 243,000 volunteers and help students in your community connect the dots between what they learn in school and the "business of life"— work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy.

JA's Turnkey Volunteer Solution:

Personalized Placement

JA works with you to ensure you teach at the location and grade level of your choice.

Comprehensive Training

JA staff provides training so you are comfortable visiting the classroom. Training topics include working with students and the classroom teacher, and understanding and facilitating the JA program.

Flexible Time Commitment

The time commitment is flexible to maximize the impact you make. JA provides you with the program materials you'll need to fit your schedule.

JA Staff Follow-Up and Support

JA staff is available to answer your questions or make suggestions about your volunteer assignment.

JA High School Heroes Program Kit Description







3 Student Handouts Multi-media content