



### **JA Finance Park 2.0 Volunteer Brief**

Thank you for joining us at JA Finance Park for what promises to be an exciting learning experience. For several class periods, students have been learning about financial institutions, careers, taxes, budgeting, credit, and more. JA Finance Park 2.0, the simulation, gives students a hands-on opportunity to put this learning into action.

**In the morning, before students arrive at JA Finance Park, a JA staff member will conduct a volunteer training to review the day's procedures and instructions.** Don't hesitate to ask questions during training or during the simulation day. We are here to help you, which in turn, will help students have a more successful and enjoyable day.

When students arrive, they will be seated for a brief orientation for the day's activities. Students will receive a tablet, which will link to a program they will utilize for the simulation experience. The tablet will give them a persona for the day. This persona details their gross annual salary, taxes, family situation, existing debt, and savings, etc. Students will convert their gross annual income to a net monthly income and then plan for and implement a monthly budget.

Your role is to be a group facilitator and student mentor, working with students, at your assigned business group table(s). During the day, your group of students will work through the initial Set-Up, Research, Budget, and Shopping time periods where specific activities will take place. As discussion evolves, feel free to share your story with the students.

Thank you for assisting the students. Without volunteers, this program could not successfully operate. Remember to ask as many questions as necessary during the volunteer training. We want this to be the best day possible for you and the students. Have a super day!

### **Volunteer Expectations**

- Provide guidance and assistance to students.
- Facilitate scheduled group discussions.
- Monitor and verify students' work progress.
- See that a JA Finance Park tablet is distributed out to each student and collected at the end of the day.
- Please wear your nametag.
- Food and drinks must remain in the snack/dining area.
- At the end of the day, please return the volunteer folder to the front desk.
- Please remain in the JA Finance Park space until after student departure.

### **JA Finance Park is located at 577 E Larned St, Detroit MI 48226**

**Parking:** We have a very limited free lot at the corner of Larned and St Antoine. The gated lot across the street from J Finance Park is a self-pay parking lot and charges \$3. There is a sign that accepts payment through various payment apps. If the lots are filled, there is a surface lot on the west side of the building bordering Beaubien St., and parking is \$10.