

## JA World of Choices Mentor

World of Choices is a unique and inspiring event that brings students together with career mentors working in desired fields, industries and professions. Each student participates in interactive sessions through the event that open up a world of choices and helps them learn first-hand what it takes to be successful in a variety of careers. This program clarifies career, educational and certification pathways as students become actively engaged in designing a career path for their future.

### About JA

Through the delivery of hands-on, blended learning in entrepreneurship, financial health and work readiness, JA empowers young people to grow their entrepreneurial ideas, hone their work skills, manage their earnings, and secure better lives for themselves and their communities. JA is a leader in preparing young people for success in an ever-changing global economy and, in response to changing times, has moved to offering online programs to support student learning.

### Your Role

As a JA World of Choices Mentor, you will have the opportunity to inspire students in grade 7-12 by sharing your educational and career paths with students. Through interactive 'roundtable' discussions, volunteers will help students learn about various industries and professions and encourage students to become actively engaged in their career journey.

### Qualifications

- Confident presenting in person and/or on online platforms
- Relevant work and/or educational experience preferred
- Strong communication skills that are effective with youth
- Must be 18 years or older to volunteer

### Training & Support

- JA staff will provide training applicable to your role
- Prior to the event, you will receive key information pertaining to the event such as agenda, timing (run sheet). Etc. where applicable

### Session Timing

Depending on event format (virtual or in-person), volunteers could be expected to commit approximately 1-5 hours of their time for this volunteer opportunity. Tasks usually include the following.

#### Virtual Career Hunt Events

Task	Approximate Time Required
Volunteer Interview	30 minutes
Training/Preparation	15 minutes
Technology Test & Set-Up	15 minutes
Live Session	30-45 minutes
Follow Up Survey	5 minutes

#### In-Person World Of Choices Conferences

Task	Approximate Time Required
Volunteer Interview	30 minutes
Training/ Preparation	15 minutes
Live Event	3-4 hours
Follow Up Survey	5 minutes

## **Pre-Event**

### **Volunteer Interview— 30 minutes**

- All volunteers, regardless of position type must complete an interview with the applicable JA staff. During the screening process, your JA Program Manager will help decide which volunteer opportunity may be the best fit for you given your educational and career background.

### **Training— 15 minutes**

- Brief training will be provided to assist volunteers in their preparation for their first session.

### **Technology Test & Set Up (Virtual) - 15 minutes**

- On the week of the event, volunteers will be expected to complete a tech-check where they will briefly meet with JA staff on the event platform and test their technology capabilities and overview navigating the platform
- On the day of the event, volunteers are to access the platform 10-15 minutes prior to their scheduled session time to ensure smooth access and set up.

## **Event**

### **Live Session (Virtual) - 30-45 minutes**

- During your assigned presentation time you will share insight into your educational and career path. The general format of the session is to present your background for the first 10 minutes, and then open up the session for questions from the students for the last 5 minutes.

### **Live Event (In Person) - 4-5 hours**

- Generally, our in-person conferences run on a weekday from 9:30am-1:30pm. Career Mentors are expected to be present for a majority of the event although this can vary by location and event. Mentors will participate in four or five 20-min roundtable conversations with students.

## **Post-Event**

### **Complete Volunteer Survey—5 minutes**

- A survey link will be emailed to you by your Program Manager. We appreciate your honest feedback to help us improve.

## **Next Steps?**

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Thank you for your support in inspiring the next generation for success!

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at [info@jaswo.org](mailto:info@jaswo.org)