



2024 Volunteer Opportunities for Advisors, their Staff and Home Office Employees

Virtual Enterprises International (VEI)

<https://veinternational.org/>

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VEI is a leading national non-profit organization that offers middle and high school students an experiential learning journey in entrepreneurship, global business, personal finance, communication, and technology. Its unique in-school business simulation equips students with essential skills that prepare them for success in college, career, and life.

Three opportunities are available:

1. **Osaic Financial Literacy Challenge** – We need your help to shape VEI’s financial literacy curriculum and the Challenge, which will be held on April 12 at VEI’s Youth Business Summit at the Javits Center in NYC. You would submit some brief real-life examples/scenarios/advice, for which you and/or your practice will be credited for in VEI’s curriculum documents and Osaic Literacy Challenge materials throughout the competition. You can help either remote/online or in-person as follows:

February 16 – February 29, 2024 - ONLINE

- Read the preliminary fact patterns for three fictitious couples and the “What Now” scenarios that VE will provide students for the Challenge. (*Documents will be shared by email to you once you indicate your interest by contacting Melissa Dolber-Grappone at the link above*).
- You then provide 3-5 pieces of financial, (and other advice), you would give to a client in a similar circumstance by entering information through a link that VE will provide. This advice will be a benchmark by which we evaluate students’ responses to the Challenge.
- Overall time commitment: ~1 hour

April 12, 2024 - IN PERSON

- Preliminary-round judge* - Provided scoring guides will help judges evaluate: 1) the team's development of their initial budgets; 2) how well students adapt their budget to an unforeseen event and; 3) consider how closely the students' responses mirror the practical advice a real financial planner would offer to a client
- Championship-round judge* - Provided scoring guides will help judges evaluate the top six teams, then the top three teams on: 1) presentation of their original and revised budgets; 2) how well they respond to a 2-minute Q&A, (*question bank provided*); 3) their sound financial decision-making; 4) how they adapt to the unforeseen event; and 4) their responses to the judges questions.

To participate and obtain more details on either of these options, contact: [Melissa Dolber-Grappone](#).

2. Be an on-site judge – Separate and apart from the Osaic Financial Literacy Challenge, If you are in the greater New York City area, consider being a judge at the VEI Youth Business Summit April 11-12 at the Javits Center. You will be given a 3 to 4-hour slot to judge student presentations using a VEI-provided scorecard. Here's how to register (After clicking link, scroll down on the page): [Judging Opportunities at VEI Youth Business Summit](#).

3. Sign up to be a remote judge (year-round opportunities) – As industry professionals, your expertise and insights are invaluable. Inspire and empower students by engaging as judges in VEI's business plan, pitch and other competitions, serving as classroom mentors to guide students through real-world challenges, or sharing your knowledge and experiences as reviewers of curriculum. [Explore the VEI Volunteer Calendar](#). To participate and obtain more details, contact: [Melissa Dolber-Grappone](#).