

Get Ready for CareerQuest!

You're about to attend **CareerQuest**, where you'll explore a variety of career paths, connect with professionals, and discover new opportunities. To make the most of your experience, Junior Achievement has provided these **five easy steps**:

Step 1: Personalize Your Path

Circle anything you see below that represents one of your **interests** (the things you like doing) or **abilities/skills** (the things you do well).

A	B	C	D	E	F
Outdoors	Drawing	Collecting	Numbers	Helping	Helping
Animals	Decorating	Record-keeping	Science	Healing	Teaching
Plants	Designing	Leading	Logic	Health	Showing
Growing	Reading	Organizing	Math	Biology	People
Nature	Writing	Planning	Machines	Chemistry	Listening
Hands-on	Language	Events	Tools	Curiosity	Advising
Physical	Singing	Directing	Building	People	Mentoring
Active	Playing an instrument	Money	Inventing	Studying	Caring
Conserving	Talking to people	Making decisions	Problem Solving	Comforting	Bring people together
Landscaping	Dancing	Detail-oriented	Experimenting	Cleanliness	Advocating
# of green:	# of purple:	# of yellow:	# of orange:	# of red:	# of blue:

Step 2: Align Your Interests

At the bottom of each column, write down the number of items you circled. Below, circle the **top two** career clusters that align with your interests. Be sure to visit the booths in these career clusters!

Green: Agriculture, Food, Natural Resources	Purple: Arts, Communication, Information Systems	Yellow: Business, Management, Administration
Orange: Engineering, Manufacturing, Technology	Red: Health Science Technology	Blue: Human Services



Step 3: Make a Plan

You will get the most out of your experience if you ask questions and talk with industry booth representatives. Choose from the suggestions below and/or come up with your own.

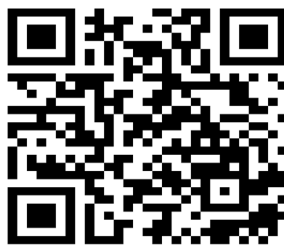
- What education is needed for this job?
- What skills does someone in your role need?
- What is the typical starting salary for an entry level job in this career?
- What does a typical day look like for you?
- What do you like most about your job?
- What is the coolest thing you have ever done at work?
- How did you get started in your career?
- What is your role at _____?
- Tell me a little bit about your career background. How did you get to where you are now?
- How long have you been working for _____?
- What do you recommend I do now to prepare for a job in your industry?

Write your own questions here:

Step 4: Go Exploring with the website [Career Interest Interview | JA Here to Career](#)

Step 5: Learn more using SchoolLinks (platform at AHS) or [FutureForward™](#) to explore colleges, careers, and more!

Go deeper into your interests, see more careers that fit them, and learn details about those careers in the **JA Career Interest Inventory**.



<https://career.ja.org/cii/interview>