Virtual Enterprises International (VEI) is an educational nonprofit transforming students through authentic business experiences that prepare them for fulfilling, financially secure futures. Through meaningful interactions with business, community and higher education partners, students develop the self-awareness and self-confidence needed to pursue their passions in the real world.

A Virtual Enterprises volunteer is uniquely positioned to empower youth and offer industry insights while connecting with a national and global network. Learn more and take the first step to become a volunteer at veinternational.org/for-partners.

**Judge**
Judges provide industry insight and real-world business feedback on competitions. They review student work submitted through VE’s judging platform and/or participate in a video conference/in-person event in which students present their work to a panel of professionals. Judges score teams based on a provided rubric and share suggestions for improvements.

**Trade Show Guest Shopper**
Trade Show Guest Shoppers support youth by engaging them beyond the classroom in authentic business transactions. They participate as “guest shoppers” in the trade show and are provided with a VE credit card that can be used to make “purchases” from VE firms. Guest Shoppers engage in discussions with students about their companies and products and service offerings. Note: No real money or products/services are exchanged.

**Mentor**
Mentors can serve as an individual or as part of a company volunteer team. Mentors act as “business consultants” for a VE firm and help students enhance their business plans while supporting the marketing, finance, and human resources departments within the VE firm.

*For each event, volunteers spend an average of 30-60 minutes.*

**Qualities of an ideal candidate:**
- Industry experience
- Professional appearance and friendly manner
- Dependable and punctual
- Courteous and personable
- Self-directed, willing to take initiative, and detail-oriented
- Respectful of VE’s students, volunteers, partners, and donors, maintaining confidentiality as appropriate

If you have any questions, please contact our Engagement Coordinator, Erika Apupalo at eapupalo@veinternational.org.