

Advocate Frequently Asked Questions



What is an Advocate?

An Advocate is one who will present the ministry of JAARS and who has a passion for the Lord and for Bible translation. An Advocate is a volunteer who will inform his/her church, circle of acquaintances, and civic and Christian organizations about how the Lord uses JAARS to support Bible translation.

How can I become a JAARS Advocate?

Because we believe God calls each Advocate specifically, we ask each prospect to go through an application process.

In what types of presentations will I be involved?

JAARS Advocates are asked to go to their church organizations, civic groups, service organizations, Sunday school classes and home groups. It may include a JAARS Mission at the Airport or other JAARS sponsored events. The Advocate is free to present JAARS in a manner that he/she is comfortable with. It could be small groups of friends at a coffee/tea function or most any other activity.

I'm not a public speaker. Can I still be a JAARS Advocate?

Absolutely! There are many opportunities that do not require public speaking such as one-on-one presentations, hosting a dinner party, setting up a JAARS display in your church, or in a Christian bookstore. Although many events in which an Advocate participates typically involve some public speaking, JAARS is committed to assisting our Advocates to effectively communicate the ministry. What communicates to people best is your passion for the JAARS ministry and reaching the lost through Bible translation.

Why is it important to be an Advocate for JAARS?

JAARS helps make Bible translation and language development possible. Advocates help to increase awareness of how the Lord uses JAARS to support Bible translation. The Advocate has a unique opportunity to present the JAARS ministry in many ways not normally open to staff.

As an Advocate, what costs am I expected to pay?

Since JAARS is a faith ministry, all volunteers are expected to pay all expenses for travel, meals, and other expenses. Mileage for travel can be claimed on your income tax. Brochures and other printed material will be furnished, as well as an Advocacy presentation kit, at no cost.

How is training conducted? Do I have to visit the JAARS campus to be trained?

We have developed a training course that can also be done at home. You will also have the option of visiting the JAARS Center for training.

What resources are available to the JAARS Advocate?

JAARS will provide all resources to facilitate the Advocate's ministry. We provide a handy kit which contains presentation outlines, contact suggestions, DVDs, CDs, and more. This kit is regularly up-dated.

How is the Advocate supported throughout his/her time of service?

JAARS is committed to supporting the Advocate through prayer on a regular basis, periodic phone contact, emails, and on-going training.