

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Junior Achievement of Middle America, Inc. (JA) recognizes and encourages the academic achievements of students participating in JA programs. JA will provide one \$1,000 scholarship for a high school senior who has participated in the JA program and will continue their education in fall 2012.

The scholarship award check will be mailed directly to the student. The award is to be used for education expenses at any accredited post-secondary educational institution for any field of study.

The JA office and the Scholarship Committee manage the Program. Awards are made without regard to race, color, creed, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a high school senior, with JA experience, who will graduate before June 30th of the current school year or a college student who is / has been a JA elementary program volunteer.
- Must be qualified, upon graduation, to enroll at an accredited college or university.
- Must ensure that an application, accompanied by the required supporting documents be postmarked by April 30th of the current school year.

PERSONAL ESSAY

In an effort to better recognize an applicant's past achievements and future goals, the selection committee requires a personal essay from each applicant. The applicant should answer the following question: How has the Junior Achievement experience impacted my future decisions concerning education, career, and personal life? Why? This essay should be 300 words or less, double-spaced, and typed.

COMPLETED APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Will include:

- All eligibility requirements.
- One letter of recommendation supporting academic achievement, leadership skills, and college potential from someone other than the individuals completing the Rating Sheets.
- A one-page personal essay. For topic, refer to Personal Essay section above.
- Complete and signed application. A parent or legal guardian must co-sign for minors.
- An official copy of your most recent school transcript.
- A recent photograph used for internal identification during Scholarship Committee process that will follow interviews.
- The scholarship recipient must be available to read their essay at the JA Annual Breakfast Meeting on Wednesday, June 27, 2012.

- Mail the completed and signed application, personal essay and letter of recommendation in one envelope to:

Junior Achievement of Middle America, Inc.
Scholarship Committee
4049 Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 150
Kansas City, MO 64111-3006

All Consultant / Teacher and High School Rating Sheets are to be submitted directly to the JA office by the individual completing the form.

Scholarship applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. The scholarship committee will evaluate all applications. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at an awards ceremony to be held in the spring.

Students are rated on the information they supply. It is advisable to answer every question as completely as possible. Application and materials will not be returned.

SELECTION PROCESS

Scholarship recipients are selected on the following basis:

- Junior Achievement involvement.
- GPA – minimum cumulative 2.5 or equivalent JA experience.
- Personal Essay (300 words or less).
- Extracurricular activities, volunteer community activities, part-or full-time work experience.
- Letter of recommendation.

NOTE: The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to change or discontinue this program without notice. Students are solely responsible for returning the completed, signed application; a current, official transcript; letter of recommendation; and a personal essay postmarked on or before April 30th of the current school year. It is the responsibility of the individual completing the form to return it to the JA Office. Questions concerning scholarships may be directed to the Junior Achievement office at (816) 561-3558.

DEADLINE – Application must be postmarked by **April 30th**, of the current school year to qualify for all available scholarships.