

Junior Achievement of Western PA Achievement Scholarship

Students in grades K-11 living within the boundaries of or attending a low-achieving school district that will attend a participating private school providing JA programming and fulfill the below requirements are eligible for this scholarship worth up to \$8,500.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Students must reside within the attendance boundary of a low-achieving school
 - To find a list of low-achieving schools, visit www.pde.state.pa.us and follow the link for Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program to download a list of eligible schools
- Students must be continuing their education at a participating nonpublic school that provides JA programs and is located in a school district outside of the recipient's school district of residence.
- GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Students must meet the scholarship program requirements as set forth by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCEd) through the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) program. **See Attached** or Visit www.NewPA.com or www.jawesternpa.org for more information.

To Qualify, Students Must Submit:

- A completed application form
- A copy of student's transcripts or most recent report card
- One Teacher recommendation
- Applicants **MUST SUBMIT a 2016 Federal 1040 Form** for every adult in their household with their application in order to be eligible for the scholarship
- To determine residency, applicants must provide a copy of one of the following or a similar document to prove their permanent resident status:
 - Utility Bill
 - PA Driver's License
 - Voter ID Card
 - Military ID Card
 - Pay Stub from place of employment
- Complete an essay submission that answers the following question:

Why is having financial literacy education important to my future success?

 - Student's grade level determines submission requirement, which are as follows:
 - K-1 – draw a picture
 - 2-3 – write 50 word essay
 - 4-6 – write 150-200 word essay
 - 7-12 – write 250 word essay

Students must send the above information postmarked **no later than Friday, April 21, 2017** to:

Scholarships
Junior Achievement of Western PA
5001 Centre Avenue, Floor 2
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

No application materials will be accepted after the deadline. Winning students will be notified in late May-early June. Junior Achievement is proud to be able to offer these scholarships to students in western Pennsylvania! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the JAWPA Education Department (contact below). Thank you for your continued cooperation and support!

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OSTC Scholarship Income Guidelines

In accordance with the household income guidelines* of the state of Pennsylvania's Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program (OSTC), please find below information for any student applying for the **Achievement Scholarship** through Junior Achievement.

OSTC Guidelines:

As of April 18, 2016, to be eligible for scholarships, families of students must have an adjusted gross income of \$76,350 or less with an additional \$15,270 adjustment for each dependent living within the same household.

Number of Dependents	Maximum AGI
1	\$91,620
2	\$106,890
3	\$122,160

An eligible student is a school age student, including an eligible student with a disability, who is a resident of Pennsylvania, who is enrolled in a school located in this Commonwealth and who is a member of a household with an annual household income of not more than \$76,350, plus an additional income allowance of \$15,270 for the student or dependent (as defined by the IRS) living within the same household.

To be considered an eligible student with a disability, a student must meet the following criteria:

- (1) is either enrolled in a special education school or has otherwise been identified as a "child with a disability" as defined in Title 34 CFR §300.8;
- (2) need special education and related services;
- (3) is enrolled in a school and
- (4) is a member of a household that does not exceed the maximum annual household income.

"School age" ranges from the earliest admission age for a school's kindergarten program (or if the school has no kindergarten program, the earliest age at which the student may begin school), through the age attained upon graduation from secondary school or 21 years of age, whichever occurs first. With respect to an eligible student with a disability, multiply the sum of \$76,350 plus the allowance(s) of \$15,270 per student or dependent, by the support level factor of 1.50 if the student is not enrolled in a special education school or by the support level factor of 2.993 if the student is enrolled as a student in a special education school.

A household includes an individual living alone or an individual living with the following:

- a. a spouse, parent and their unemancipated minor children;
- b. other unemancipated minor children who are related by blood or marriage; or
- c. other adults or unemancipated minor children living in the household who are dependent upon the individual.

To qualify, applicants must submit proof of income for all adults in their household where they are a dependent.

If you have any questions regarding the OSTC Income Guidelines visit:

www.newpa.com and search "scholarship" to find the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Document that provides all guidelines for scholarship applications.



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Student Information

(Please print or type all information)

Title	First Name	Last Name	D.O.B. (mm/dd/yyyy)
Mailing Address			
Number/Street			
City	State	Zip Code	
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Area Code	Home Phone	Social Security Number	Email Address

School Information

Current Grade Level: _____

Low-Achieving Public School & District: _____

Current School you are attending: _____

Current School Address: _____

School you will be attending: _____

School Address: _____

**If the applicant decides to attend a school other than the school listed above, the applicant must notify Junior Achievement before December 1, 2017.*

Application: This application becomes valid only when you have submitted **ALL** the following items in **ONE** envelope.

Checklist

___ Application Form	___ Official Transcript or copy of current report card
___ Teacher Recommendation	___ Verification of Income (Copy of IRS-Form 1040)
___ Proof of Residency	___ Typed Personal Essay

** Note: Applicants (and their families) that apply for this scholarship must meet the household income guidelines as stated by the PA Department of Community & Economic Development-Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program-EITC. (www.NewPa.com)*

Certification

We acknowledge that we have read and understand the eligibility requirements. All the information furnished in support of this application is true and complete. If requested, we will submit proof of the same. Failure to do so shall invalidate this application and shall result in termination of scholarship.

Signature of Applicant (Must be signed)	Date	Signature of Guardian (Must be signed)	Date
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TEACHER RECOMMENDATION
(may be submitted on separate page if preferred)

Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Classes Taught: _____

Teacher Recommendation: _____

Teacher Signature: _____