



JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE

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Apply for scholarships online at www.jjc.edu/info/scholarships

If you would like to view the scholarship descriptions and criteria, they are listed at the bottom of the scholarship page under “View Scholarship Descriptions”.

To apply for scholarships, you **must have a JJC student identification number**. This number is issued to you once you complete the admissions process. To complete the admissions process, visit: www.jjc.edu/admissions. If you have questions regarding admission, please call 815-280-6740.

Steps to apply for scholarships at Joliet Junior College:

1. On the scholarship webpage (listed above), click on the link “[Apply for scholarships online](#)” This will take you to the STARS Online Scholarship Tracking and Review System. The first time you enter the STARS Online system, click the “Start Here” button to begin the application process. You will set up a username and password. Please keep a record of your username and password so you can re-enter STARS at any time.
2. On the “**Personal Information**” page, you will be asked to enter your student ID and an e-mail address. It is very important that they are accurate because your GPA (Grade Point Average) and FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) score will be imported into your individual application using your student ID number. Also all scholarship award letters and communications will be sent to the e-mail address provided. Once you have completed the first page, click “save and continue” at the bottom and continue with the scholarship application. You can also click “save and exit” to continue with the application at a later time, as you are able to edit your application until the application deadline. Please make sure all information is accurate, as some scholarships are awarded based on the information entered.
3. On the “**Opening Questionnaire**” page, complete the academic information section. Read the questions at the beginning of each section. Click on the appropriate degree option (Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Applied Associates of Science, or Certificate), and then click the drop down in *Major area of study or program to find your major. Click “save and continue”.
4. On the “**Academic Information**” page, it does not require you to enter a GPA or your FAFSA score; this will be completed by JJC staff before your application is reviewed. Please be aware that the FAFSA must be completed for all financial need based scholarships. You can apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov . Applications should be resubmitted after federal and state taxes are filed each year.

5. On the **“Free Form Essay Questions”** page, there are three questions that require a written response. You must answer all of the questions or put a N/A in the section. It is a good idea to copy and complete the essay questions in Word, spell and grammar check your answers, then copy and paste your essay from Word to the appropriate section. If you type your essay directly into the section, you may be timed out of the system. You can click “save and exit” to exit STARS, complete your essay in Word then return to STARS and paste it in. The answers to your essay questions are very important and will be carefully read by the reviewers as they determine scholarship recipients.
6. On the **“Attach Documents”** page, some scholarships require letters of recommendation, personal statements, or other documentation. If these are required, have them emailed to you, so you can save them to your computer and upload them to your scholarship application. They must be in either a PDF or Word document format so the reviewers can view the documents.
7. The final section of the Scholarship Application is **“Recommended Scholarship Search”**. In this section, you can view the criteria for each scholarship you are interested in applying for. The information you provide here will determine whether or not you meet the minimum requirements. Carefully read all instructions and statements including the criteria listed under the scholarship name. You must meet all scholarship requirements that are listed; check all the boxes that indicate you meet the criteria. You must click on “Apply now” (to the right) for each scholarship in which you are interested. You can apply for as many scholarships as you would like, as long as you meet the criteria.

**NOTE: The High School Foundation Scholarship deadline date is March 1st of each year.
Deadline date for priority consideration is April 1st each year for most scholarships.**

Scholarships are awarded on the availability of funds. Scholarships are for enrollment at JJC only with the exception of transfer scholarships.

You can view the status of your scholarships at any time by clicking on **“View Scholarship Status”** on the bottom of the “Recommended Scholarships” page in STARS. The scholarships that you applied for will be listed and will either state:

1. Awarded (you received the scholarship and you will receive a letter by e-mail)
2. Denied (someone else was awarded the scholarship) or
3. Applied for (it is still being reviewed).

To view your awarded scholarships and the amounts on your student account, visit www.jjc.edu and click on “eResources”, click on “Students”, then click on the link under Student Financial Aid and choose Financial Aid status by term.

If you have questions regarding the scholarship application process, please contact Julie Allsopp, JJC Gifts and Scholarship Specialist, Main Campus: J-2050, 815-280-6620 (phone) 815-280-6618 (fax) or by email at jallsopp@jjc.edu.