



The Junior Achievement of Dallas Sandi Smith Scholarship 2020-2021 Application Requirements

Overview

Junior Achievement of Dallas is pleased to offer a local scholarship to a qualified 2021 high school graduate who participated in Junior Achievement programs during elementary through high school. The scholarship is a \$5,000 award for use at any two-year or four-year college or university. Funding may be used to cover tuition and/or textbooks. Once awarded, the scholarship expires September 30, 2022. Details will be in the winner's notification letter. The scholarship winner will be honored as the JA Dallas Student of the Year and will need to attend and speak at the 2021 Virtual JA Dallas Business Hall of Fame, Thursday, February 25, 2021. An appropriate picture for the Hall of Fame program must be submitted by December 4, 2020 (e.g. formal senior photo or professional headshot).

Basis for Determining Scholarship Winners

Selection Criteria

- ✓ Cover letter
- ✓ Written essay
- ✓ Participation in Junior Achievement programs
- ✓ Involvement with other organizational and extracurricular activities
- ✓ Other information indicative of achievement (e.g. leadership, and college and career potential provided on application)
- ✓ **Top applicants will be invited to interview with the JA Dallas Board Scholarship Committee.**

The interview criteria include but are not limited to:

- ✓ Application information (i.e. goals, plans, community and school interest, etc.)
- ✓ Communication Skills
- ✓ Personal Characteristics
- ✓ Career Preparation
- ✓ Brief summary about yourself, indicating your accomplishments and why you feel you deserve a Junior Achievement scholarship

How to Apply

Applicants should download the application form and email it back to ccannon@jadallas.org, along with their supporting documentation. (*When emailing, please scan all documents which contain signatures.*) **All forms must be received via email no later than Wednesday, November 4, 2020.**

Email to: ccannon@jadallas.org

Questions? Please contact Caroline Cannon at (972) 677-2918 or ccannon@jadallas.org



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Due to Junior Achievement no later than November 4, 2020 by 5 p.m.

The questions that follow are designed to collect information about your background, your interests and your plans. Your answers to these questions will be used in connection with your application for this scholarship program and will be divulged only to qualified persons who must see them in the course of their duties. Please limit your answers to the space provided.

Required supporting documentation:

- ___ 1. One Reference letter from: teacher, school administrator, or JA Dallas Volunteer.
- ___ 2. Cover letter to Scholarship Committee. Include in the letter reasons why you should be awarded the scholarship. Those items might include scholastic accomplishments and merit achievements, experiences or courses supporting your major or needs, etc. Explain your goals for college and beyond.
- ___ 3. Essay: How has Junior Achievement influenced your life in the following areas: *Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurship, or Work Readiness*? **The essay must be typewritten, with 12 point font, double spaced and a maximum of 500 words.**

Biographical and School Information

Mr. Ms.

First Name		Last Name	
Address		City	Zip
Email		Phone	Date of Birth
Name of High School		Graduation Date	

Please list the colleges to which you have applied in **order of preference**, the date you applied, and whether or not you have been accepted.

College	Date Applied	Accepted (Y/N/Pending)
Proposed College Major		
Career Objectives		

Your Junior Achievement Activities

Please complete the chart below. If you have additional information to share, please use a separate sheet.

School	Year	Program	Volunteer Name and Company

Your Activities and Work Experience

List activities you have participated in at your school (e.g. ROTC, internships, yearbook, clubs, sports, etc.)

Activity	Years Participated	Offices or Position Held	Scholarships, Special Awards or Honors,

Additional Information

List volunteer community service activities in which you have participated (e.g. working in a hospital, church or other community organization)

Job and Type of Work	Name of Organization	Years Participated	Scholarship, Special Awards or Honors

Additional Information

The scholarship committee is made up of educators, business professionals, members of the Board of Directors and staff of Junior Achievement of Dallas, Inc. This committee makes the final selection of scholarship winners based on the factors mentioned above. The decision of the committee is final.

List jobs (including summer employment) you have held in the past four years.

Job and Kind of Work	Employer	Dates of Employment	Hours Worked Per Week

Additional Information

Essay Question

On a separate typed sheet, please answer the question below. The essay must be typewritten, with 12 point font, double spaced, and a maximum of 500 words.

How has Junior Achievement influenced your life in the following areas: *Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurship, or Work Readiness?*

Please read the following and sign below:

I certify the information contained in this scholarship application is correct to the best of my knowledge, and understand that falsification of this information is grounds for disqualification in the scholarship program. Junior Achievement of Dallas, in considering my application for the scholarship, may verify the information set forth on this application and obtain additional information relating to my background. I authorize all persons, schools, companies, corporations, and organizations to supply any information concerning my background and release all parties from all liability for any damages that may result from furnishing same to you.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

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