Johnston City Ministerial Alliance Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: $1,000.00 per recipient. The number of scholarships granted each year will be determined by funds available.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Applicant must be a graduating senior planning to enroll in college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Applicant must attend Johnston City High School or reside within the boundaries of the Johnston City School District.
- Applicant must regularly attend (and actively participate in) an area church. Preference may be given to students who attend a church that is a member of or supports the JCMA or whose community service .
- Applicant must submit the completed application, including essay and reference letter, by **March 1** (no applications postmarked or emailed after **March 1** deadline will be considered.)
- Applicant must maintain a "B" overall grade point average.
- Applicant must submit a written reference letter from his/her pastor, youth pastor, or department leader within his/her church, including that person's contact information (phone, email address).
- Applicant must submit a 2-part written essay about (part 1) his/her relationship with God (testimony) and (part 2) chosen field of study and its potential benefits to the community (at least 2 but not more than 4 typed pages *total*).
- Deferred studies: Scholarship recipients must begin college classes with a half- or full-time class schedule within 18 months of graduation (no later than the 3rd semester after graduation). In other words, a student may delay starting classes for 1 or 2 semesters, but must enroll by the fall semester of the year following graduation (i.e., a 2024 graduate may begin classes in the fall semester of 2025). Funds will be held by the JCMA until the student's class load is at least half-time.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The Ministerial Alliance Scholarship recipient will be chosen based on:

  A) Application completeness and content.
  B) Grade point average [high school transcript].
  C) Church participation.
  D) Content and quality of written essay.
  E) Pastor or church leader's recommendation.
  F) Participation and/or leadership in Christian organizations and/or activities on campus or community.
  G) Verbal interview with the selection committee *(if necessary)*.

PROCEDURE:

- The applicant must obtain *Scholarship Application Form* from the high school guidance counselor, a JCMA representative, or pastor.
- The application must be postmarked or emailed (to jcitycenter@gmail.com) by **March 1,** along with the following: (1) a referral letter from the pastor, youth pastor, or department leader of her/his church, (2) the applicant's essay, and (3) a copy of current high school transcript.
- The selection committee will review applications and select finalists, conducting verbal interviews only if the final selection process requires them.
- The Ministerial Alliance will choose from the finalists, the scholarship recipient(s) of the JCMA Scholarship.
- When the recipient has enrolled in a college and provides JCMA with contact information for the financial aid department, funds will be sent directly to the college for the student's account.

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Name: _____   Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

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Legal Guardian(s): _____

Church: _____   Pastor: _____

How long active in this church? _____

High School: _____   City: _____

Graduation Date: _____   College Chosen: _____

Chosen Field of Study: _____

Please list all extra-curricular school, social, community or church activities, and offices
in which you are involved (attach additional pages as needed):

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Please include with this completed application:

1. A 2-4 page typed essay describing your relationship with God and your chosen career and its potential impact on the community.

2. A copy of your most recent high school transcript.

3. A letter of recommendation from either your pastor, youth pastor, or a church departmental leader with whom you participate and who knows you well. Please include this person's contact information including phone number and email address.

This information must be postmarked/emailed by March 1

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