

Junior Achievement of Western PA JA Inspire Scholarship

8th grade students attending a Catholic or Private grade school, that will attend a Catholic or Private high school and have participated in a minimum of two JA programs by the end of the 2023-2024 academic year are eligible for the Junior Achievement Inspire Scholarship worth \$3,000.

2023-2024 Eligibility Requirements:

- 8th grade Catholic or Private School students with a minimum of two (2) years attending a Private or school within the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Greensburg, Erie, or Altoona/Johnstown.
- Students must be continuing their education at a Private or Catholic high school within one of the dioceses listed
- 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 Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. Visit www.dced.pa.gov
- or www.juniorachievement.org for more information.

To Qualify, Students Must Submit:

- A completed application form
- A copy of student's transcripts or most recent report card showing grades from at least two quarters/one semester. Final grades may be requested and required from all winning applicants.
- One teacher recommendation
- Signed verification form from school (principal, teacher or JA coordinator), proving that students have participated in at least two JA classroom programs, or will complete them by June 6, 2024
- Applicants **MUST SUBMIT a 2023 Federal 1040 Form** for **every adult in their household** with their application in order to be eligible for the scholarship (Add Additional Dependent Worksheet if Applicable)
- A **typed 200-250 word** essay answering the question:

Explain how Junior Achievement has shaped your thought process toward what you have planned for high school and beyond that will aid in reaching career success?

Send the above information, postmarked **no later than Monday, April 1, 2024**, to your designated JAWPA Region.

*Due to the large number of applications, we receive, we are unable to return any of your materials.

No application materials will be accepted after the April 1, 2024 deadline.

Winning students will be notified by mail in late May. Results are posted on our website in the first week of June.



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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 your area JAWPA Education Department Representative. Call or click the hyperlinked name of your JA area representative to connect via email. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support!

DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN SEND APPLICATION TO:

Attention: [Doug Knepper](#)
Junior Achievement of Western PA: Scholarships
416 Main Street, Suite 300
Johnstown, PA 15901
412-226-5751

DIOCESE OF ERIE SEND APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

Attention: [Latoyia Guerrant](#)
Junior Achievement of Western PA: Scholarships
90 Emerson Lane, Suite 1403
Bridgeville, PA 15017
412-347-8483

DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH & DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG SEND APPLICATION TO:

Attention: [Latoyia Guerrant](#)
Junior Achievement of Western PA: Scholarships
90 Emerson Lane, Suite 1403
Bridgeville, PA 15017
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EITC Scholarship Income Guidelines

In accordance with the revised household income guidelines of the state of Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC), please find below updated information for any student applying for the **JA Inspire Scholarship** through Junior Achievement.

**These are the same guidelines required by the Diocese for any other form of financial aid.*

Updated EITC Guidelines:

In the 2023-2024 school year, to be eligible for scholarships, families of students must have an adjusted gross income of \$108,444 or less with an additional \$19,088 adjustment for each dependent living within the same household.

Number of Dependents	Maximum AGI
1	\$127,537
2	\$146,620
3	\$165,708

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 \$108,444 with the acceptance of an additional income allowance of \$19,088 permitted for each 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 \$108,444 plus the allowance(s) of \$19,088 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 un-emancipated 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 EITC Income Guidelines visit: [Dced.pa.gov](https://dced.pa.gov) to find the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Document that provides all guidelines for scholarship applications.



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2023-2024

Student Information

(Please print or type all information)

Title	Student First Name	Student Last Name	Age	D.O.B. (mm/dd/yyyy)
Mailing Address				
Number/Street				
City		State	Zip Code	
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Area Code + Best Contact #		Last 4 digits of SSN	Parent Email (printed clearly)	

School Information

Name of Current Grade School:	Diocese:
What Catholic High School will you be attending?	Diocese:
High School Address:	

**If the applicant decides to attend a school other than the school listed above, the applicant must notify Junior Achievement in September 2024*

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

Checklist

___ Application Form	___ Copy of report card (2 Quarters)
___ JA Program Verification (letter from school or JA volunteer)	___ Verification of Income (Copy of 2023 IRS- 1040)
___ Teacher Recommendation	___ 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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This application becomes valid when signed and all items on the above checklist are provided in one envelope and are submitted:

At the attention of the Applicants Designated JA Region Rep as specified above to:

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All Applications **Must Be Postmarked No Later Than Monday, April 1, 2024.** NO Exceptions.



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2023-2024 JA VERIFICATION FORM

Student Name: _____

JA Coordinator Name: _____
(School Principal, Teacher, JA Coordinator, or JA Volunteer that can verify your participation)

Coordinator Phone/Email: _____

Please verify the above student's participation in any of the following JA programs.
Next to each program/grade level that the student had JA, write the date/year they completed the program:

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Grade Levels</u>	<u>Participation Dates</u>
JA Ourselves	Kindergarten	_____
JA Our Families	1 st Grade	_____
JA Our Community	2 nd Grade	_____
JA Our City	3 rd Grade	_____
JA Our Region	4 th Grade	_____
JA Our Nation	5 th Grade	_____
JA Global Marketplace	6 th -8 th Grade	_____
JA Economics for Success	6 th -8 th Grade	_____
JA It's My Future	6 th -8 th Grade	_____
JA More Than Money	3 rd -5 th Grade	_____
JA It's My Business	6 th -8 th Grade	_____
JA Inspire Career Fair	7 th -12 th Grade	_____
Other: _____	_____	_____
Other: _____	_____	_____

Verifying Signature: _____

