United States JCI Senate Foundation
Vocational/Technical/Trade Schools Scholarship Application

Eligibility:

- **Graduating high school seniors in the United States, who reside in a state that has a JCI Senate scholarship chairperson or contact. Check www.usjcisenate.org under the scholarship tab for a listing of participating states. If your state does not have a chairperson or contact listed, you are not eligible to apply.**
- **STUDENTS MUST HAVE A GPA OF 3.25 AND ABOVE TO BE CONSIDERED.**
- **You must be a U.S. citizen to apply for this scholarship.**
- **You must attend a school in the United States to be eligible.**
- **You must begin your educational program in 2027.**

This package contains information and directions to apply for the United States JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship Program. Scholarship grants in amounts of $1000 or $1500 will be awarded to graduating high school seniors in the United States, who plan to continue their education at an accredited school offering vocational, technical or trade programs within the United States. Ten (10) grants will be awarded to 2027 graduates by the United States JCI Senate Foundation. Scholarships must be used for tuition in the first year of full-time study immediately following high school graduation. Checks will be made out in the name of the recipient and will be paid directly to the school.

This Vocational/Technical/Trade Scholarship is for students who plan to attend a short-term program at a school, including a community college, that offers specialized training for a specific job, trade or career without requiring a four-year college degree. Completion leads to a certificate, diploma, license, or associate degree, rather than a bachelor's degree. Fields of study may include, but are not limited to: auto repair/technology, advanced manufacturing, plumbing, carpentry, welding, HVAC, cosmetology, electrical, medical/dental assistant, culinary arts, LPN, CAN, paramedic, vet tech, pharmacy tech, computer repair, legal assistant, etc.

Instructions for the US JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship Application

A. The submission preference will be in a **MICROSOFT WORD COMPATABLE FORMAT.** The application must be typed in black ink. Print using single-sided sheets of paper.

B. ON EACH PAGE OF THE APPLICATION PACKAGE, INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND THE PAGE NUMBER AT THE TOP RIGHT CORNER. (can be neatly hand printed in black ink) Begin with the checklist as page 1, then continue to number the application and all attachments in the correct order. If reference letters or transcripts are submitted in sealed envelopes, number the envelopes for proper placement and the chairman will insert them. Staple all pages together in the upper left corner.

C. Each student must have an active, working **HOME EMAIL ADDRESS** listed.

D. All application materials **MUST** be submitted in one mailing.

E. Your application will be evaluated by individuals outside of your area. **Do not use acronyms** for clubs, events, awards, etc. If the name is not self explanatory, include a description. Examples: REACH should include a description such as: Oak City REACH Program to feed the homeless, or J. Smith Award for Top Female Tennis Player.

F. NO ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

G. Included in this application package are all the necessary forms and instructions regarding additional information required.

YOUR APPLICATION PAGES MUST BE SUBMITTED IN THE ORDER LISTED BELOW, FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL BE CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION.

- STUDENT CHECKLIST
- THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
  - Applicant Information (section 1)
  - High School Information (section 2)
  - Vocational/Technical/Trade School Information (section 3)
  - Parent or Guardian Information (section 4)
  - Financial Statement Information (section 5)
  - Signature of Applicant (section 6)
    By signing the application, you agree that your name and your photo (if included--section 15) may be used in publications of the US JCI Senate, US JCI Senate Foundation and affiliated state programs
  - School involvement Page (section 7)
  - Community Involvement Page (section 8)
  - Employment Page (section 9)
  - Personal Statement - 300 to 500 words (section 10)
  - School Acceptance Letter - if accepted (section 11)
  - Supporting Documentation – a limit of three pages (section 12)
  - Reference Letters – a limit of three, one from an educator (section 13)
  - Transcripts (section 14)
    Any student with a GPA of 3.25 and above will be considered for this scholarship grant.
    ACT/SAT test scores should be included if you have taken these tests; insert score papers before the transcripts. NOTE: The ACT/SAT scores are not required.
  - Wallet size photo - *this is optional but encouraged* (section 15)
    You may include a 2 x 3-inch head shot photo for use in our national publications. *This photo should be neatly taped on a sheet of white paper with your name and state listed under the photo.* (last page of packet if included)

H. Do not include these first two pages of instructions with your application submission.

I. To submit your application package:

Refer to the website www.usjcisenate.org under the scholarship section. Using the "State Chairman Contact List" locate the state where you live and submit your application to the state chairperson or contact listed for that state. If your state does not have a chairman or contact listed, you are not eligible to apply. Do not submit the application to any address on the web page except the person listed for *your* State Scholarship Contact section; this person listed may be from another state. (packages submitted to the wrong address will not be forwarded).

APPLICATIONS MUST BE MAILED AND POSTMARKED BY *JANUARY 12, 2027*.

U.S. JCI SENATE FOUNDATION
Student Application Check List
Vocational/Technical/Trade

This check list page is a reminder for you, the applicant, to be sure you have included key points within your completed application before submission. Either initial or mark each line after completing.

_____ **Include this checklist as page 1 of your application package.**

_____ **Applicant information is complete with a home email address.**

_____ **High school information is complete.**

_____ **Vocational/Technical/Trade school information and field of study is complete, including length of the program.**

_____ **Parent and/or guardian information is complete.**

_____ **Completed financial information is based on the first year of education, or the total cost of the program. Questions 5-A and 5-B are answered.**

_____ **Section 6 of the application is signed, and your home email address is listed.**

_____ **Entire application form is complete.**
Sections 7, 8, 9, 10 are each answered on additional sheets of paper.

_____ **Personal statement not to exceed 500 words. Word count is included.**

_____ **Copy of the school acceptance letter included, if you have received it.**

_____ **Supporting documentation attached, maximum of 3 sheets.**

_____ **Reference letters attached, maximum of 3 letters.**
At least one of the reference letters must be from an educator.

_____ **School transcripts attached. SAT/ACT scores included if available.**

_____ **Photo (optional but encouraged)**

_____ **Name and page number listed at the top right corner of every page of the application package.**

_____ **All pages stapled together at the top left corner.**

_____ **Application postmarked on or before January 12, 2027**

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1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant's Name			Date of Application
Applicant's Home Address		**Applicant's Home Email Address**	
City	State	Zip Code	Phone Number

Are you a U.S. Citizen (check one) _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

2. HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of Applicant's High School

Address	City	State	Zip Code

High School Guidance Counselor *OR* High School Principal (name, email address, position)

3. VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL/TRADE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of the school you plan to attend AND FIELD OF STUDY

Address	City	State	Zip Code

Have you been accepted to this school? ___ **YES** ___ **NO**
(If yes, attach a copy of the acceptance letter)

How long is your program of study? _____

4. PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Father's Name			Check here if father is deceased ☐
Father's Home Address			Occupation
City	State	Zip Code	Phone Number

Mother's Name			Check here if mother is deceased ☐
Mother's Home Address			Occupation
City	State	Zip Code	Phone Number

If you have a stepparent or guardian, provide the following information.
Stepparent or Guardian Name

Home Address		Occupation	
City	State	Zip Code	Phone Number

5. APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT INFORMATION

This financial section is to show your understanding of the costs of your education.
BASE THESE EXPENSES ON THE FIRST YEAR OF SCHOOL OR TOTAL COST OF THE PROGRAM.

EXPENSES:
1. Tuition and additional fees 1. _____
2. Room and board 2. _____
3. Books, supplies, additional fees 3. _____

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES _____

How many family members are financially dependent on your parents/guardians? ____

5-A. FINANCING COLLEGE:

Explain, in detail, how you plan to finance your schooling.
NOTE: Attach an additional sheet behind this page **labeled 5-A. FINANCING COLLEGE.**

5-B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: (optional)

Explain any personal, family or financial circumstances you believe merit consideration.
NOTE: If you are including this information, attach an additional sheet behind this page,
Labeled 5-B FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS.

6. SIGNATURE (You must complete this section)

I certify that the facts contained in this scholarship application are true and correct. The United States JCI Senate Foundation is hereby authorized to verify any information contained in this application. I understand that any falsification of misrepresentation will result in disqualification.

Signature of Applicant	**Date Signed**

Applicant's HOME Email Address

7. SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

List and explain your involvement in high school activities, be specific.
Bullet each activity and include any leadership positions, awards, events or projects, and the time commitment involved.

NOTE: Attach an additional sheet behind this page **labeled 7. SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT.**

8. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List and explain your involvement in community activities and church activities, be specific.
Bullet each activity and include any leadership positions, awards, events or projects, and the time commitment involved.

NOTE: Attach an additional sheet behind this page **labeled 8. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.**

9. EMPLOYMENT

Using a bullet format for each job, include the names of employers (including family business or self-employment), job duties, type of job (occasional, part-time, full-time, summer work, etc.) and pay you received, if any.

If you have not been employed while in high school, please explain any specific reasons.

NOTE: Attach an additional sheet behind this page **labeled 9. EMPLOYMENT.**

10. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Complete a statement of 300 to 500 words, indicating your chosen field of study. State your reasons for this choice. Include pertinent experiences, activities, and accomplishments that have contributed to this decision.

Include word count.

NOTE: Attach an additional sheet behind this page **labeled 10. PERSONAL STATEMENT.**

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11. VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL/TRADE SCHOOL ACCEPTANCE LETTER (if accepted)

12. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION OF YOUR CHOICE (maximum of three (3) pages)

You may include awards, certificates, articles, pictures, etc.

13. REFERENCE LETTERS (maximum of three (3) letters)

At least one reference letter must be from an educator.

14. TRANSCRIPTS

A copy of your current high school transcript MUST be included. This MUST include class grades or scores. Include any additional courses taken. Include SAT or ACT test scores if you have them.

15. WALLET SIZE PHOTO (optional but encouraged)

You may include a 2 x 3-inch head shot photo for use in our national publications. This photo should be neatly taped on a sheet of white paper with your name and state listed under the photo.