

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

If you would like to view the scholarship descriptions and criteria without applying, 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 start your application process. You will set up your own username and password (your choice). Keep a record of the username and password so that 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 and FAFSA score will be imported into your individual application using your student ID number and all scholarship award letters and communications will be sent to your e-mail address. Once you have completed the first page, you can 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. You may complete and edit your application up to the application deadline. 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. Read the questions at the beginning of each section. Degree options are Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Applied Associates of Science or Certificate. Different majors are listed under each degree option. You will need to click on the appropriate degree option 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 Grade Point Average (GPA) or your FAFSA score on the application. This will be done by JJC staff before your application is reviewed. 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 . Application should be done after federal and state taxes are filed each year.

5. On the “Free Form Essay Questions” page there are three questions on the application 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 to determine scholarship recipients.
6. On the “Attach Documents” page some scholarships require letters of recommendation personal statements or other documentation. Have them emailed to you, so that 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 that the review members can view the documents.
7. The final section is Scholarship Application-“Recommended Scholarship Search”. View the criteria for each scholarship that 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 want, as long as you meet the criteria.

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

Scholarships are awarded on the availability of funds. Scholarships are for enrollment at JJC only with the exception of the 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 scholarship name and amount on your student account go to the Joliet Junior College website 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.

Scholarship Bookstore Voucher – If you are awarded a scholarship which allows you to purchase books, you will need to get a scholarship book voucher. In order to obtain your scholarship book voucher, follow the steps below:

1. Take your schedule with you to the bookstore and pick out your books.
2. Take the books to the back counter in the bookstore and tell them that you have a scholarship.
3. They will hold your books for you and give you a receipt.
4. Take the receipt to the Financial Aid Office and tell them that you need a book voucher.
5. They will fill out the bookstore voucher and deduct the money from your scholarship on your student account. They will sign the voucher and have you sign it and then take it back to the bookstore's back counter where you will pick up your books.

If you have questions regarding the scholarship application process, please contact Julie Allsopp, JJC Gifts and Scholarship Specialist, at 815-280-6620 or by email at jallsopp@jjc.edu.