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# Eighth Grade Scholarships

Junction Educational Foundation

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Congratulations. You're near the end of middle school. You're getting ready to move on to bigger, more exciting things. You're certainly very busy - studying for exams, planning end of year activities, and dreaming about your future. That is why it's so commendable that you're taking the time to do one more VERY important thing: applying for a scholarship from JEF!

After reviewing this packet in detail, please contact JEF or visit our Facebook page or website if you have additional questions:

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## SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Three Scholarships winners will be selected:

**First Place: \$1000**

**Second Place: \$800**

**Third Place: \$500**

Application Packets will be judged by a team of JEF Board Members (JESD staff and community members) using the following scoring criteria:

SCORING CRITERIA	
<b>Part 1</b>	<b>75 Points</b>
Application Form – Question 1 Extra Curricular Activities	25
Application Form – Question 2 Awards	25
Application Form – Question 3 Volunteerism	25
<b>Part 2</b>	<b>25 Points</b>
Transcript – GPA (Grades)	25
<b>Part 3</b>	<b>100 Points</b>
Personal Statement – Question 1 Describe yourself	25
Personal Statement – Question 2 Why you should win	25
Personal Statement – Question 3 High School Goals	25
Personal Statement – Question 4 Future Dreams	25
<b>Maximum Score Possible</b>	<b>200</b>

**Winners will be given a certificate which should be safely stored until High School Graduation. Winners will be eligible to collect their scholarship funds from JEF when they show proof of High School graduation *and* enrollment in higher education (which may include community college, trade/vocational school, or university).**

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## INSTRUCTIONS

### STEP 1: Prepare Your Application Packet

This application packet consists of three important components, listed below.

1. Application Form
2. Transcript from Junction Middle School
3. Personal Statement (Essay)

Further details and guidelines are provided in the following pages. You must provide a complete application packet including all three sections to be considered for a scholarship.

### STEP 2: Review and Finalize your Application Packet

We strongly encourage you to draft your application packet and then seek out someone to review the packet and provide you with constructive feedback. Turn to your peers, teachers, family members - great value can be gained by seeking the comments of others (and it's great practice for High School!).

JEF will host two *OPTIONAL* scholarship application workshops:

#### **Workshop #1: Friday, March 31, 2017 at 3:00PM in Room 1**

At this workshop, students will be guided through the application process, and will be provided guidance on the type of details they should think about and include in their application.

#### **Workshop #2: Friday, April 21, 2017 at 3:00PM in Room 1**

At this workshop, students will have an opportunity to discuss their *draft* application, their Personal Statement in particular, with JEF Board members who have volunteered to help review and provide comments and suggestions to help students with final editing.

### STEP 3: Submit your Packet

All packets must be submitted to the **JEF Inbox** (in the Elementary School Office) by **Monday, May 1, 2017 at the end of the school day**. Make sure your packet is *complete* and that all pages are stapled together.

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## Part 1: Application Form

Please complete the information below. The answers can be based on both school and *outside* school activities (i.e. church, scouting, sports leagues, etc.). **Provide the information on a SEPARATE sheet of paper, typed in 12-point font.**

1. Provide your name.
2. Please list any extracurricular activities you have participated in during middle school. *Examples: sports, music, clubs, dance, student council, etc.*
4. Please list any awards you have received in middle school. *Examples: attendance award, honor roll, met AR goals, spelling bee finalist. Include everything you can think of, even if you didn't win the grand prize.*
5. Please list any volunteer work you have done in middle school. *Examples: raising money for Red Cross, cleaning up garbage on Earth Day, helping younger children with homework. Etc.*

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## Part 2: Junction Transcript

Please staple a copy of your Junction Middle School Transcript (for all years as a student at Junction Middle School) to this packet.

It is ok if you have not been a student at Junction Middle School from 6th to 8th grade. If you are able to get your transcripts from previous schools, wonderful. Most schools can provide this information by email or mail. If you are unable to obtain transcripts from old schools, it will be just fine.

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## Part 3: Personal Statement (Essay)

A “Personal Statement” is an essay that you will prepare to describe yourself to us. We want to know all about you - your personality, your proudest accomplishments, and your future goals. Please use a separate sheet of paper (or several). Write an essay in paragraph form, but make sure you touch on each **question** below in detail. **Do not exceed three pages in length (single sided, typed, 12-point font).**

*Example ideas are provided, but you do NOT have to follow the examples. Your answers should be free form, and you should try to reflect your personality as well as possible.*

### **Question 1: Tell us about yourself.**

*Ideas for topics to write about:*

- What are your hobbies and interests?*
- What are your best characteristics?*
- What do your friends see in you?*

### **Question 2: Why should JEF select you for a scholarship?**

*Ideas for topics to write about:*

- What makes you stand out above your peers at Junction?*
- What have you done to show how much you care about your education?*
- Why would you represent Junction School well to the rest of the world?*

### **Question 3: What are your goals for High School?**

*Ideas for topics to write about:*

- What extra-curricular activities are you interested in, and why?*
- What electives are you excited to take?*
- Do you plan to get involved with leadership opportunities?*
- Do you plan to get a part-time job?*
- Do you plan to take advanced placement courses?*

### **Question 4: What are your future dreams?**

*Ideas for topics to write about:*

- Do you plan to go to Trade School, Community College, or a University?*
- What types of careers do you find interesting, or want to learn more about?*
- What are some goals you would you like to accomplish in your lifetime?*