

Scholarship Application Tips



1. Remember: Your scholarship application represents YOU!
 2. Give your application the time, attention, and preparation that it deserves.
 3. Complete all sections.
 4. If you're asked, don't be afraid to highlight your strengths and talk about yourself.
 5. Make certain the people you ask to prepare letters of recommendation know you well.
 6. WATCH DEADLINES! Financial aid offices and scholarship personnel adhere to them!
 7. You are responsible for making sure that ALL parts of the application arrive on time. If letters of recommendation or transcripts are required, give the people who will provide these documents generous lead-time. Also give them a stamped, addressed envelope if the recommendation is to be mailed separately.
1. PRINT A COPY OF THE APPLICATION FOR YOUR FILE.
 2. Keep a written record of scholarships for which you've applied. Make a note of the deadlines, requirements, and responses.
 3. Finally, ASK FOR HELP if you need it.

Writing Your Application Essay

The personal essay may be the hardest part of your application. However, it's also where you can stand out from the crowd! The key to writing a strong essay is to be personal and specific. Include details about yourself so the reader can get to know who "you" are and what you stand for. Be truthful and honest.

Scholarship selection committees may have hundreds of essays to review. It's YOUR job to get their attention. Here are some tips that may help you:

- **Think before you write.** Brainstorm to generate ideas, create an outline to help get you going, and make sure to address specific questions clearly.
- **Create a portrait of a winner.** Create a vivid portrait that will depict the person behind the grades, activities, and awards. If a judge feels like he or she knows you, you've done your job and created a powerful, emotional connection that elevates your application and makes it stand out from others!
- **Write your essay.** Be original and creative in your answers. Show, don't tell. Use examples to individualize your essay. Demonstrate the point you want to make. Avoid vagueness to make a strong impression. A good essay contains these basic elements:
 1. *Introduction*—Catch your readers attention. State your reason and purpose for writing and offer a preview of the next sections.
 2. *The Body of an Essay*—Three to four paragraphs each dealing with one topic. Each paragraph should include a topic sentence supporting the main idea of the essay. The following sentences contain main points about the topic. Other sentences support those main points with explanations. (who, what, where, when, how, etc.)
 3. *Conclusion*—Restate the purpose of the essay and key points. End with a statement that leaves an impression on the reader or makes them think.
- **Proofread.** This is very important! You don't want to have a typo on your essay. Check spelling and grammar. Ask a parent, friend, or teacher to proofread your completed application. Another pair of eyes can catch errors you might miss!

Think you're not eligible for a scholarship? You may be surprised! Check out JCF's website and find the scholarships for which you are eligible.

The Jackson County Community Foundation web-based application program allows you the opportunity to apply for more than one scholarship with the submission of only **one** application!



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www.jacksoncf.org



Scholarship Funds by Category

Scholarship information and award availability is subject to change.

In 2008
The Jackson
Community
Foundation awarded
70 scholarships,
totaling \$188,000.

* Scholarships that
make awards to more
than one student.

** Scholarships for
high school
graduating seniors
and adult students.

*** Scholarships for
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graduating seniors
only.

View eligibility
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Scholarships Open to a Variety of Fields

Dennis J. Beck Memorial Scholarship, \$500—\$1,000*
Erma E. Biedermann Scholarship, \$2,000* ***
Marvin W. and Rosaline A. Brandau Scholarship, \$2,000**
Dorothy and Dick Burgess Scholarship, \$5,000* **
James M. and Helen M. Crowley Scholarship, \$5,000* **
Stacy Lynn Davis Scholarship, \$1,000***

Athletic Scholarship

Bernice Barabash Sports Scholarship, \$1,000*
(Students in grades 7 through 12 who play hockey in Jackson County)

Vocational Scholarships

Automotive

Bob and Dawn Hardy Automotive Scholarship, \$1,250* (Jackson Community College Students only)

Cosmetology Scholarship

Melissa Eleanor Ernest Scholarship, \$1,000**

Manufacturing

Dennis J. Beck Memorial Scholarship, \$500-\$1,000*

Education Scholarship

Antonia Dellas Memorial Scholarship, \$2,000 * **
Martha and Oliver Hansen Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000 (college juniors and seniors only)**

Engineering Scholarship

John and Marion Selby Engineering Scholarship, \$3,500***

Health Care & Nursing Scholarships

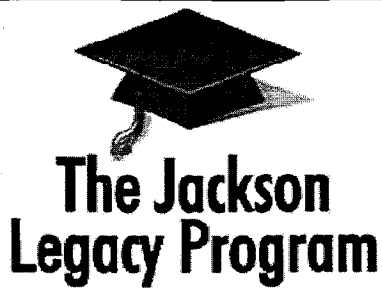
Eileen J. Smith, R.N. Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000**
Paul Tejada Memorial Scholarship, \$1,500* **
Sue Walicki Nursing Scholarship, \$2,500—\$5,000**

High School-Specific Scholarships

Ruth L. Creps Memorial Scholarship, Amount TBD Hanover-Horton High School* ***
Eleanor A. Ernest Scholarship, \$1,000 Students from a smaller Jackson County high school***
Robert P. Ernest Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000 Students from a larger Jackson County high school***
William and Beatrice Kavanaugh Scholarship, \$1,000 Grass Lake High School***
Hanover-Horton High School Youth of Promise, \$1,000 Hanover-Horton High School* ***
Otis and Florence Lapham Scholarship, \$1,000.00 Hanover-Horton High School* ***
Lucille E. McGee Scholarship, Amount TBD Hanover-Horton High School* ***
Phillip Guy Richardson Memorial Scholarship, \$2,000 Napoleon High School* ***
Faith Speckhard Scholarship, \$5,000 Jackson High School* ***
Howard and Barbara Thompson Scholarship, \$500—\$1,000 Jackson High School***
June Danby and Pat Pearse Education Scholarship, \$1,000 Jackson High School***

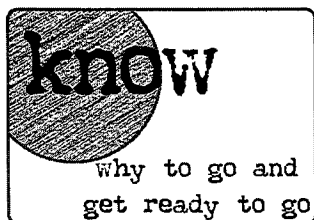
Employee/Dependent Scholarships

ADCO Founders Scholarship, \$1,500 Dependents of ADCO Products, Inc. employees* **
Auxiliary of Foote Hospital Scholarship, \$2,000 Dependent child of Foote Hospital employees* **
MACI Scholarship, \$1,500 Dependents of MACI employees* **

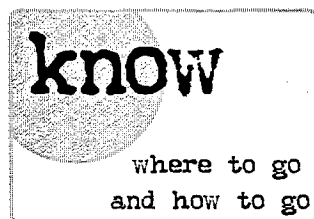


Jackson Legacy Program and College Access Center

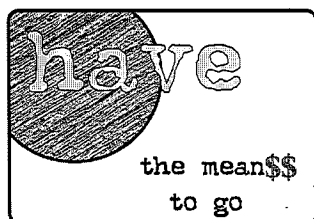
Purpose: The Jackson Legacy Program believes in a community culture of going to college. The College Access Center offers a variety of services to ensure that all students are prepared, have the support and have the means to go to college. We offer:



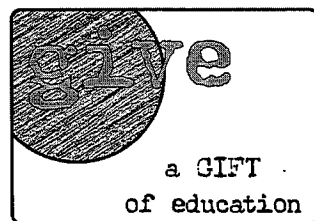
College Resource Center - Trained staff will help students identify colleges and programs that match a student's interests; search for financial aid; offer a step-by-step procedure through the admissions and financial aid process.



Financial Aid Assistance - Provide confidential assistance to navigate the financial aid process.



Scholarship Application Assistance - Help students apply for the Jackson Legacy Program and other scholarships.



College Applications and Related Paperwork Advising - Assist students in completing all necessary college paperwork.

Career Assessment and Advising - Help students assess their career opportunities.

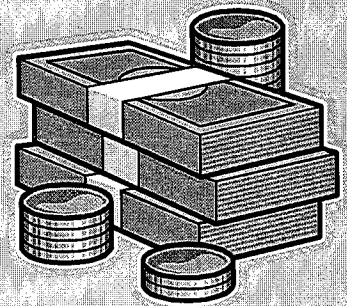
Parental Advising - Assist parents in preparing for their children's post-high school education.

Visit the Jackson Legacy Program and College Access Center,
located in the Sears Wing of Jackson Crossing
Mon.—Thur. 10:00—6:00, Fri. 10:00-4:00 and Sat. 10:00—2:00.

You can also find out more information at www.jacksonlegacyprogram.org or call us
at (517) 990-0671.

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Need \$\$\$ for College?



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Web-Based Scholarship Application!

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Not sure how to begin? Call 787-1321 to reserve a spot at
one of these workshops:

Baker College of Jackson, Room 125

Saturday, January 10, 2009

10:00am-11:00am or 11:00am-12:00pm

Jackson Community College, Atkinson Hall, Room 120

Saturday, January 24, 2009

10:00am-11:00am or 11:00am-12:00pm

Reservations are required

Complete one application, apply for up to five scholarships.

Don't miss your chance to *cash-in!* It's never been easier!

All applications are due Monday March 2, 2009, by 5:00pm

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