



Title I Access, Equity, Opportunity Student Scholarship Application

Jeffco Public Schools Title I is pleased to announce two, \$1,000 scholarships for identified Jefferson County Public Schools McKinney Vento youth who plan to continue to a post-secondary education. This includes accredited 2 year, accredited 4 year, and accredited trade/vocational school

APPLICATION PROCESS

- **Applications can be emailed or returned to a CFC liaison for pick up. Your CFC liaison can collect the application at your school, or in person. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CFC LIAISON FOR APPLICATION PICK-UP.**
- A panel made up of the Title I team and a community member will meet to review applications and select finalists.
- Incomplete or late scholarship applications may be denied without review.
- Recipients and their high school counselors will be notified by letter no later than April 27.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the entire application form by preparing written responses to all sections and questions and be sure to include all required attachments.

- Personal Statement (Prompt: 500-1,000 word statement)
- Statement of Financial Need - McKinney Vento Certified by Title I, Jeffco Public Schools
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official Transcript (and any transcripts related to dual or concurrent enrollment)

Deadline: **5 p.m. on April 15th** annually. Incomplete or late applications may be denied without review.

Name:	
Phone:	
Mailing Address:	
Email:	
Current High School:	
Date of Birth:	
Gender (optional):	
Anticipated post-secondary school:	
Acceptance Date:	
Do you qualify for a Pell Grant?	Yes / No / Not Sure
Current grade point average (min 2.0):	Weighted - Unweighted -
Expected start date:	

Anticipated major/program focus (it's acceptable to say "Undeclared"):	
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Please respond to each of the following requests for information as completely and succinctly as possible.

A. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please include a personal statement between 500-1,000 words. The personal statement should address the following questions:

Describe a time in your life when you were faced with a difficult situation. What motivated you to persevere? What did you learn about your strengths that will help you reach future goals?

Type statement below:

B. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL NEED

1. Describe any circumstances affecting your ability to pay for first-year post-secondary education that the selection committee should consider.
2. List first-year post-secondary expenses (tuition, room and board, books, and fees)
3. List existing resources to pay for them such as: grants, scholarships, work study, personal savings, parent support (including 529 plans).

Type statement below:

ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENTS:

1. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Applicants must include an official, sealed high school transcript. If you participate in concurrent or dual enrollment, such as Red Rocks Community College, please share documentation related to this work thus far. Please request this information in advance and submit it with your application. Photocopies are not acceptable.

2. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please include two letters of recommendation from school staff or members not related to the applicant. Letters must be signed.

Please carefully select your recommenders and give them plenty of time to craft their letters.

Recommendation letters should give insight to and describe your personal characteristics and your likelihood for future academic and professional success (as opposed to listing of your activities).

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

Please sign and date the statement, below, and have an adult guardian sign and date. Return this page with your completed application packet.

All information I have provided in this application is accurate, and may be subject to verification by the Jeffco Schools Foundation Community Scholarships selection committee.

Student signature

Date

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

(Please enter "Not Applicable" for Extenuating Circumstances)

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- *Applications must be received by Jeffco Schools Foundation by **5 p.m. on April 15th, 2020.***
- *Handwritten, late or incomplete applications may be denied without review.*
- *Please refer to subsequent pages for Scholarship Selection Committee information and Scholarship Review Rubric*

SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW

Scoring rubric used by selection committee – **100 Total Possible Points**

(A) PERSONAL STATEMENT - Maximum 50 Points

- Applicant provides a statement that answers the question in a deep/profound way.
- Applicant shares courageously and with vulnerability
- Applicant clearly shows how the situation/experience has impacted him/her and what he/she learned from it.
- Applicant has unique circumstances/experiences that set him/her apart from an average student.
- Statement is well-written and thoughtful.

(B) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL NEED – Maximum 10 Points

- Applicant clearly states family and/or extenuating circumstances
- Applicant shares why/how receipt of a scholarship would impact him/her and his/her family

(C) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION – Maximum 40 Points

- Recommenders know applicant personally and well
- Recommenders attest to applicant's personality, ethics, character and maturity
- Recommenders give strong statements attesting to applicant's future success