

Junior Achievement of Western PA Cardinal Donald Wuerl Scholarship

8th grade students attending a Catholic grade school, that will attend a Catholic high school and have participated in a minimum of two JA programs, are eligible for the Cardinal Donald Wuerl Scholarship worth \$3,000.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 8th grade Catholic School students with a minimum of two (2) years attending a school within the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Greensburg, Erie or Altoona/Johnstown.
- Students must be continuing their education at a Catholic high school within one of the dioceses listed
- GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Students must meet the scholarship program requirements as set forth by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. Visit www.NewPA.com or www.jawesternpa.org for more information.

To Qualify, Students **Must Submit**:

- A completed application form
- A copy of student's transcripts or most recent report card
- One teacher recommendation
- Signed verification form from school (principal, teacher or JA coordinator), proving that students have participated in at least two JA classroom programs, or will complete them by June 1, 2016
- Applicants **MUST SUBMIT a 2016 Federal 1040 Form** for **every adult in their household** with their application in order to be eligible for the scholarship
- A **typed 200-250 word** essay answering the question:

How has Junior Achievement influenced your life in your diocesan school?

Students must send the above information postmarked **no later than Friday, April 21, 2017** to:

Scholarships
Junior Achievement of Western PA
5001 Centre Ave, Floor 2
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

No application materials will be accepted after the deadline. Winning students will be notified in May 2017. Junior Achievement is proud to be able to offer these scholarships to students in western Pennsylvania! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the JAWPA Education Department (contact below). Thank you for your continued cooperation and support!

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*Due to the large number of applications we receive, we are unable to return any of your materials.

EITC Scholarship Income Guidelines

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In accordance with the revised household income guidelines of the state of Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC), please find below updated information for any student applying for the **Cardinal Donald Wuerl Scholarship** through Junior Achievement.

**These are the same guidelines required by the Diocese for any other form of financial aid.*

Updated EITC Guidelines:

As of April 18, 2016, to be eligible for scholarships, families of students must have an adjusted gross income of \$76,350 or less with an additional \$15,270 adjustment for each dependent living within the same household.

Number of Dependents	Maximum AGI
1	\$91,620
2	\$106,890
3	\$122,160

An eligible student is a school age student, including an eligible student with a disability, who is a resident of Pennsylvania, who is enrolled in a school located in this Commonwealth and who is a member of a household with an annual household income of not more than \$76,350, plus an additional income allowance of \$15,270 for the student or dependent (as defined by the IRS) living within the same household.

To be considered an eligible student with a disability, a student must meet the following criteria:

- (1) is either enrolled in a special education school or has otherwise been identified as a "child with a disability" as defined in Title 34 CFR §300.8;
- (2) need special education and related services;
- (3) is enrolled in a school and
- (4) is a member of a household that does not exceed the maximum annual household income.

"School age" ranges from the earliest admission age for a school's kindergarten program (or if the school has no kindergarten program, the earliest age at which the student may begin school), through the age attained upon graduation from secondary school or 21 years of age, whichever occurs first. With respect to an eligible student with a disability, multiply the sum of \$76,350 plus the allowance(s) of \$15,270 per student or dependent, by the support level factor of 1.50 if the student is not enrolled in a special education school or by the support level factor of 2.993 if the student is enrolled as a student in a special education school.

A household includes an individual living alone or an individual living with the following:

- a. a spouse, parent and their unemancipated minor children;
- b. other unemancipated minor children who are related by blood or marriage; or
- c. other adults or unemancipated minor children living in the household who are dependent upon the individual.

To qualify, applicants must submit proof of income for all adults in their household where they are a dependent.

If you have any questions regarding the EITC Income Guidelines visit:

www.newpa.com and search "scholarship" to find the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Document that provides all guidelines for scholarship applications.



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Student Information (Please print or type all information)

Title	First Name	Last Name	D.O.B. (mm/dd/yyyy)
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Mailing Address

Number/Street

City	State	Zip Code
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Area Code	Home Phone	Social Security Number	Email Address
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School Information

Name of Current Grade School: _____ Diocese: _____

What Catholic High School will you be attending? _____ Diocese: _____

High School Address: _____

Application: This application becomes valid only when you have submitted **ALL** the following items in **ONE** envelope.

Checklist

____ Application Form	____ Official Transcript or copy of current report card
____ JA Program Verification (letter from school or JA volunteer)	____ Verification of Income (Copy of IRS-Form 1040)
____ Teacher Recommendation	____ Typed Personal Essay

** Note: Applicants (and their families) that apply for this scholarship must meet the household income guidelines as stated by the PA Department of Community & Economic Development-Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program-EITC. (www.NewPa.com)*

Certification

We acknowledge that we have read and understand the eligibility requirements. All the information furnished in support of this application is true and complete. If requested, we will submit proof of the same. Failure to do so shall invalidate this application and shall result in termination of scholarship.



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Signature of Applicant
(Must be signed)

Date

Signature of Guardian
(Must be signed)

Date

This application becomes valid when all items on the above checklist are provided in one envelope and are submitted to:

**Scholarships
Junior Achievement of Western PA
5001 Centre Ave, Floor 2
Pittsburgh, PA 15213**

All Applications **Must Be Postmarked No Later Than Friday, April 21, 2017.** NO Exceptions.

JA VERIFICATION FORM

Student Name: _____

JA Coordinator Name: _____
(School Principal, Teacher, JA Coordinator, or JA Volunteer that can verify your participation)

Coordinator Phone/Email: _____

Please verify the above student's participation in any of the following JA programs.
Next to each program/grade level that the student had JA, write the date/year they completed the program:

Program Title	Grade Levels	Participation Dates
JA Ourselves	Kindergarten	_____
JA Our Families	1 st Grade	_____
JA Our Community	2 nd Grade	_____
JA Our City	3 rd Grade	_____
JA Our Region	4 th Grade	_____
JA Our Nation	5 th Grade	_____
JA Global Marketplace	6 th -8 th Grade	_____
JA Economics for Success	6 th -8 th Grade	_____
JA It's My Future	6 th -8 th Grade	_____
JA Careers in Energy	8 th Grade	_____
JA More Than Money	3 rd -5 th Grade	_____
JA It's My Business	6 th -8 th Grade	_____
Pittsburgh Career Fair	5 th Grade	_____
Other: _____	_____	_____



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Teacher Signature: _____