

THE JAHMA FOUNDATION

2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM AND INFORMATION



Dear Students, Parents, and Friends of the JAHMA Foundation:

All high school seniors, high school graduates, and senior citizens in a New Jersey Affordable Housing Management Association (JAHMA) member "affiliated property" are invited by the Board of Directors of the JAHMA Foundation to apply for scholarship grants for the 2012-2013 academic year, to be awarded in June, 2012.

The JAHMA Foundation issues this invitation to distinguished residents who are pursuing some type of higher education; in college, trade/professional school or institute. This Foundation is a privately funded, non-profit organization that was created in 1999, and awarded its first scholarships in 2002, to further charitable and educational opportunities on behalf of residents living at a JAHMA member "affiliated property." This is one of the few foundations of this type in the nation.

We encourage the financial support of corporations, companies, families, private trusts, and individuals wishing to join us in this effort to honor and assist those who are the future of the JAHMA community.

Please contact Dr. Bruce W. Johnson of the Foundation at 215.262.4230 if you have any questions about any phase of the Foundation's work to help students living in the JAHMA sites throughout New Jersey.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Kenneth Pagano".

J. Kenneth Pagano, *President*
The JAHMA Foundation

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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

FOR APPLICANTS AND PARENTS

ELIGIBILITY

Following individuals are eligible for JAHMA Foundation grants provided they meet the additional criteria outlined in this brochure:

- High school seniors or individuals holding a GED that are planning to begin post-secondary studies in the 2012/2013 school year.
- High school graduates currently enrolled in college or trade/professional schools.
- Senior Citizens pursuing additional educational opportunities.

All high school seniors who plan to begin post-secondary studies at colleges or trade/professional schools are eligible for these grants provided he/she resides at an JAHMA member "affiliated property."

High school graduates (including those individuals holding a GED) residing at JAHMA sites who are currently enrolled in college or trade/professional school and plan to return to post-secondary studies for the 2012/2013 school year, are also eligible, and may apply for a JAHMA Educational Foundation grant. Matriculated boarding students may apply provided his/her primary residence is with a parent/guardian (listed as part of the household on the tenant certification form) residing at a JAHMA member "affiliated property."

Senior citizens residing at facilities under the auspices of a JAHMA member "affiliated property" are also eligible for JAHMA Foundation grants. Any elderly senior citizen wishing to enroll, or currently enrolled in post-secondary studies for the 2012/2013 school year, may apply under the same terms and conditions as those individuals previously mentioned in this section.

The applicant/family must be in good standing with the rules and regulations of Department of Housing and Urban Development, New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, and the specific JAHMA member "affiliated property" lease requirements where they reside.

Employees and/or their relatives of The Department of Housing and Urban Development, New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency and JAHMA member properties and management companies are not eligible for consideration for these grants.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection criteria used to select grant recipients includes academic performance, character, financial need, and potential proficiency in a chosen field of study. Each of these criteria carries equal weight in determining

who will receive grants. Academic performance is determined by evaluating high school or college grade transcripts released to the Foundation by the student.

All high school seniors applying must possess a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent. **All matriculated college students applying must possess a minimum of a 2.3 grade point average** on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent. College students applying for grants who have attained sufficient credits at their institution of higher learning to be considered as a junior, must provide documentation of a declared major. The Foundation values student efforts in working toward a degree.

Character and proficiency in a chosen field of study will be evaluated through examination of an essay, of approximately 400 words, written by the student and two references. As an alternative to the essay, musical and/or dramatic presentations may be provided on videotape or DVD. These presentations may not exceed five minutes. Submission of a portfolio (not to exceed 10 pieces on compact disc or digital printouts) of artistic work or composition is also a suitable alternative to the essay. A brief written description including the title(s) of your work, performance or musical composition must also be provided. Please do not submit original art work.

DETERMINATION OF FINANCIAL NEED

Since the parent, guardian or students residing at a JAHMA member "affiliated property" must provide a yearly updated financial statement demonstrating their eligibility for continued residency at a JAHMA site, this form will be utilized to determine financial need.

DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS

Each award will represent a scholarship grant provided to the selected students. These grants should not be mistaken in any way for student loans. While a high school student may apply for consideration for a grant prior to being accepted at a college or trade/professional school, he/she must provide documentation in the form of an admissions acceptance to the Foundation before the grant will be finalized. The exact number of awards and the total amount of money to be awarded in 2012, will be determined during the selection process, in the sole discretion of the Foundation. The JAHMA Foundation anticipates minimum individual awards to begin at \$500.00 for the 2012/2013 school year. The JAHMA Foundation provides the assurance that up to one-third of the money awarded during the 2012-2013 year, will go to residents of elderly sites. The aforementioned award amount to elderly individuals is contingent upon receipt of sufficient worthy applications.

PAYMENT OF GRANTS

All grants are made payable to the colleges or other post-secondary institutions where the recipients will attend during the 2012/2013 school year. As was previously mentioned, the student must provide the JAHMA Foundation a copy of an admissions acceptance letter from an accredited school. It is the intent of the Foundation that the full amount of these grants be applied to the recipient's school expenses (tuition, standard student fees, on-campus room and board or school approved off-campus room and board, books, and other required student materials). We strongly suggest that the recipient contact the JAHMA Foundation before accepting a scholarship from the Foundation, if there is any doubt about the continuance of other financial aid, especially need-based scholarships.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

There are five essential parts of this application, and all must be received in order for the JAHMA Foundation to consider an application.

The deadline for completed applications is **June 1, 2012**. Please mail all relevant application information to: Dr. Bruce W. Johnson, JAHMA Foundation, PO Box 740, Washington Crossing, PA 18977.

1. The completed application form that contains basic information about the applicant, as well as, the applicant's and parent/guardian statement with signature must be provided.
2. **An official grade transcript that shows the courses you have taken and the grades awarded through the fall semester of the 2011/2012 school year must be submitted.** These transcripts will allow us to evaluate academic performance. College students should request their transcripts no later than April 12, 2012.
3. Two completed reference forms must be submitted. These references should come from people who have first-hand knowledge of the applicant's functioning as a student on a regular basis. The Foundation assumes that recommendations from teachers, guidance counselors, principals, deans, and other school administrators are better indicators of a student's future performance in school than personal recommendations. **AS A RESULT, RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD COME FROM THE AFOREMENTIONED TYPE INDIVIDUALS.** References from employers and clergy people would also be acceptable. **REFERENCES FROM RELATIVES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
4. The selection committee wants to get to know you on a personal level and gain insight into your character and chosen field of endeavor. In an essay of approximately 400 words, typed or neatly printed in your best style, identify and

describe what you feel are your most positive personal qualities. Also, inform the selection committee of your chosen field of endeavor. Please list co-curricular activities (sports, educational, social, civic, religious, job experiences, and/or family responsibilities) which reflect your interest in the field you have chosen to pursue through your post-secondary studies. We encourage you to elaborate briefly on the length of time of your involvement and describe any projects that reflect your interest in your chosen field of study.

Creative alternatives to this essay are also acceptable. Musical and/or dramatic presentations may be provided. This presentation should be five minutes or less in length, submitted on videotape or DVD. Submission of a portfolio of artistic work, not to exceed 10 pieces, is also a suitable alternative to this essay. A brief written

description including the title(s) of your art work, performance or musical composition must also be provided. Please do not submit original art work. Artistic submissions will not be returned.



5. The Foundation will require a form certifying an applicant's good standing in residency from their site management

company. The form is self-explanatory and will require the signature of the resident's property manager of the JAHMA Member "Affiliated Property" Site Management Company. This statement will ensure that the resident applicant is in good financial standing and not in violation of any lease requirements where they reside. It should also be noted that the JAHMA Foundation will make a follow-up contact with the recipient's property manager prior to the actual payment of any grant money in order to ensure that the recipient/resident has maintained their good standing status.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

The selection committee will meet during the month of June. All applicants will be notified of the outcome status of their application on June 25, 2012.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

February 1, 2012	Application forms available to all JAHMA member sites at www.jahma.org (click on the JAHMA Foundation link).
April 12, 2012	Suggested deadline for college students to request grade transcripts from their registrars in order to assure that this part of the application will be received by the Foundation prior to June 1, 2012.
June 1, 2012	FINAL DEADLINE for all parts of the application for a 2012 JAHMA Foundation grant. Mail the application form, references, essay and grade transcripts to Dr. Bruce W. Johnson, JAHMA Foundation, PO Box 740, Washington Crossing, PA 18977.
June 25, 2012	All applicants notified of the outcome status of their application.
July 16, 2012	Acceptance forms must be returned by this date if the grant recipient wishes to accept the offer of a scholarship. Grants not accepted by this date will be awarded to other applicants.
July 25, 2012	Scholarship checks, made payable to post-secondary institutions, will be mailed via U.S. mail directly to the post-secondary institution on behalf of the scholarship recipient to help pay for the student's 2012/2013 school year costs.
August 16, 2012	Acceptance forms for elderly seniors only must be returned by this date if the grant recipient wishes to accept the offer of a scholarship. Upon receipt of this verification, payment would then be sent directly to the post-secondary institution.

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Creative alternatives to this essay are also acceptable. Musical and/or dramatic presentations may be provided. This presentation should be five minutes or less in length, submitted on videotape or DVD. Submission of a portfolio of artistic work, not to exceed ten pieces, is also a suitable alternative to this essay. A brief written description including the title(s) of your art work, performance or musical composition must also be provided. Please do not submit original art work. Artistic submissions will not be returned.

Utilize the reference forms to secure references from two individuals. These references should come from people who have first-hand knowledge of your functioning as a student on a regular basis. The Foundation assumes that recommendations from teachers, guidance counselors, principals, deans, and other school administrators are better indicators of a student's future performance in school than personal recommendations. **AS A RESULT, RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD COME FROM THE AFOREMENTIONED TYPE INDIVIDUALS.** References from employers and clergy people would also be acceptable. **REFERENCES FROM RELATIVES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

(Please print the following information.)

Name of Applicant _____

First

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Last

Applicant's Social Security Number (SSN) X / X / X / - X / X / - _ / _ / _ / _ / **(last four digits only)**

Date of Birth _ _ / _ _ / _ _ Female ___ Male ___ Home Telephone Number (_ _ _) _ _ _ - _ _ _ _

Name of Apartment Community where you reside _____

Address (Street and Apartment Number) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Post-secondary Institution of Attendance _____

School Student Identification (ID) Number _____

2012 Class Status at Post Secondary Institution: College Freshman College Sophomore
 College Junior College Senior Other

Indicate declared major (College Juniors or Seniors) _____

College Board Scores: SAT Reading _____ SAT Math _____ SAT Writing _____ ACT _____

Entering college freshmen whose school requires College Board scores for admission MUST provide an SAT or ACT score. Failure to provide will disqualify the application from consideration.

2012 FAFSA EFC score _____ Degrees Held, not including high school _____

List all scholarships, work study grants, student loans or any other forms of financial aid the applicant has been promised for the 2012/2013 school year:

Head of Household _____

Head of Household Social Security Number X / X / X / - X / X / - _ / _ / _ / _ / **(last four digits only)**

APPLICANT – PARENT/GUARDIAN RELEASE STATEMENT

I have read the instruction information and this application form and wish to apply for a JAHMA Foundation Scholarship. The Foundation will require the applicant – parent/guardian consent on this form if the application is to be considered for an award. Further, I agree to comply with all procedures outlined in the application information and I release my academic records to the JAHMA Foundation.

PERMISSION TO RELEASE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

I hereby release all necessary financial information on file in the management site office where I reside to the JAHMA Foundation for the purpose of determining financial need.

PERMISSION TO PUBLICIZE NAME AND PHOTOGRAPH

If I am awarded a scholarship, I give my permission to use my name and/or photograph in publicity releases related to the JAHMA Foundation.

PERMISSION TO CONTACT SCHOOL OF ATTENDANCE

I hereby authorize the JAHMA Foundation, through its designee, to contact my school of attendance for the purposes of arranging payments; recouping unused funds; establishing special arrangements, such as, creating a line of credit in the book store; and other necessary functions related to the scholarship award.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature
(only required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Date

PERSONAL CHARACTER REFERENCE FORM

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Name of Applicant _____

Address of Applicant _____

Name of person providing referral _____

Address of person providing referral _____

Telephone number of person providing referral (___ ___ ___) ___ ___ ___ - ___ ___ ___ ___

Relationship of person providing the referral on behalf of the applicant (Example: teacher, guidance counselor, employer, professor, . . .) _____

Circle the most appropriate response for the applicant you are referring.
Please consider each item independently from the others listed.

Table with 4 columns: Character Trait, Poor, Good, Outstanding. Rows include Dependability, Honesty, Perseverance, Conscientiousness, Ability to work with others, and Leadership.

I attest that the aforementioned reference is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am not a blood relative of the applicant.

Reference Provider's Signature _____

Date _____

ATTENTION: All references must be current and written no more than ninety (90) days prior to date of receipt by the JAHMA Foundation. Any reference that has been submitted to the JAHMA Foundation in previous years will not be accepted.

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PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF NARRATIVE of your thoughts regarding the applicant's personal character. Be sure to mention how you came to know the applicant and how long you have been acquainted with the individual. Other information helpful to the Selection Committee would include your perception of the applicant as a student, your belief in the applicant's ability to successfully pursue a college degree, and any unique characteristics the individual may possess. ***The Foundation would appreciate and prefer typewritten comments.***

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