



KEN SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SMITH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The **Ken Smith Scholarship Fund** and the **Smith Scholars Program** are established by the JAG Board of Directors to recognize the extraordinary leadership and service by the President and Chief Executive Officer of Jobs for America's Graduates, Inc., Kenneth M. Smith. The number of scholarships to be awarded will be dependent on the donations to the Ken Smith Scholarship Fund. The minimum scholarship award will be \$1,000 for the academic year.

PROCEDURES

1. Scholarships are awarded to seniors pursuing a postsecondary degree or certificate, including: a public or private two-year community college, technical college, public or private four-year college / university, or an apprenticeship or trade school.
2. Scholarship application materials must be submitted in a single envelope. The packet will include: nomination letter(s); application; reference letter(s), academic transcript, etc. Incomplete applicants will not be considered.
3. Applications must be typed, word-processed, or legibly handwritten. All applications must be grammatically correct and properly punctuated.
4. Application packets must be mailed to: JAG National Center for Evidenced-Based Practices, 6021 Morriss Road, Suite 111, Flower Mound, TX 75028.
5. There is no limit to the number of applications submitted by a CSA representative or JAG Specialist.
6. Applications must be received no later than April 15 for consideration. Applications arriving after April 15 will not be reviewed by the Scholars Committee.
7. Applications will be reviewed by the Scholars Committee.
8. The Governance Committee will make the final decision on scholarship awards and scholarship recipients will be announced by May 15.
9. A check for the monetary award will be mailed to the institutional address provided on the application.
10. Award recipients will be invited to attend the National Leadership Awards Luncheon and members of the Ken Smith Scholarship Fund and Scholars Committee, however, attendance is not required to be a Smith Scholar.
11. The number of awards may vary from year to year based upon the Ken Smith Scholarship Fund balance. On May 15, five (5) one thousand (\$1,000) scholarships will be announced.

CRITERIA

1. Scholarship applicants must be listed on a JAG program roster for the school year in which a scholarship application is submitted.
2. The scholarship application packet must include the following:
 - **Transcript.** A current, official transcript.
 - **Proof of Acceptance.** Evidence of acceptance into a postsecondary institution for the following academic year.
 - **Leadership Activities and Recognition.** A list of activities including: elected offices held, awards and honors, and involvement in the JAG Career Association as well as other student organizations.
 - **Community Involvement.** A listing of all community service activities, volunteer experience, etc. and a one paragraph description of each activity listed.
 - **Reference Letters.** Three (3) written reference letters are required. The names and addresses of references must be listed on the application. References should document the applicant's scholarship, leadership abilities, interpersonal skills, integrity, and potential must be provided by any of the following:
 - A Specialist, teacher, advisor, principal, or counselor
 - An employer
 - Other persons who are familiar with your aspirations other than a relative
 - **Personal Statement.** Applicants must submit a 1-2 page statement to include the following information. *(This statement can be either word-processed or handwritten.)*
 - Why are you pursuing a postsecondary education?
 - What is your career goal and why did you select that particular goal?
(Be specific)
 - Why will the scholarship award be important to you?



APPLICATION

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____

_____ CITY STATE ZIP

CAREER GOAL *(Be specific)*

Have you been accepted to a postsecondary institution to pursue an education as of this submission? ___ Yes ___ No

If "yes", please provide the name and location of the postsecondary institution you are attending:

JAG SPECIALIST: _____

LIST OVERALL GPA *(must be converted to a 4.0 scale):* _____

Attach the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Transcript | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Involvement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Higher Education Acceptance | <input type="checkbox"/> References |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Essay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photo is Optional: If you are willing to provide a photo, the photo will be attached to press releases announcing the scholarship recipients. | |

REFERENCES: 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



RATING FORM

1. **Transcript:**

GPA improved while in JAG	5 points	_____
Attendance improved while in JAG	10 points	_____
Enrolled in college prep courses in senior year	5 points	_____

2. **Leadership Activities and Recognition:**

Evaluate the quantity and quality of activities in JAG, other student and school organizations, athletics, band, and other activities that require leadership skills.

JAG Career Association Leadership	10 points	_____
Quality of leadership activities, clear evidence of leadership, responsibility and commitment	5 points	_____
Number and variety of leadership activities	5 points	_____
Recognition and Awards	10 points	_____

3. **Community Involvement:**

Quality, quantity, duration and impact of community service activities	15 points	_____
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4. **References:**

Each reference rated as follows:	9 points	_____
-Outstanding reference with specific examples (3 pts.)		
-Outstanding reference but general (2 pts.)		
-Good reference (1 pt.)		

5. Essay:	26 points	_____
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Total Points Awarded	_____
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Comments: