

Jennings County United Way Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Program

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Purpose: United Way Dollars for Scholars Scholarships are awarded each year to help recognize academic achievement among a larger number of graduating students in Jennings County who have made the choice to pursue higher education.

Eligibility: Applicant must be a resident of Jennings County who has been accepted at a college, junior college, technical school, trade school, school of nursing or other educational institution.

Criteria:

- Must be a current year graduate at Jennings County High School.
- 3.0 or higher GPA on a 4 point scale or 8.0 or higher on a 12 point scale (weighted) as verified by school officials.
- Need and special circumstance will be considered as well as other scholarships received.
- Residents of Jennings County who have completed a state approved / online homeschool program as of the final day of school for Jennings County High School for the current year will also be considered.
- Residents of Jennings County who are current year graduates of another state accredited high school, such as Shawe or Trinity Lutheran.

Committee Guidelines:

- All eligibility and criteria will be adhered to.
- Each scholarship will be \$200 or more, awarded in the number possible according to funds available each year.
- Students with highest GPA and those who exhibit special need or circumstance will be given priority.
- Scholarships will be awarded to students receiving less than \$2,500 in other scholarships, to the best knowledge of school officials based on the information available at the time the decisions are made.

Procedure:

- United Way Dollars for Scholars Scholarship availability will be announced through the guidance department of Jennings County High School and jcunitedway.org.
- Applications will be online only on the Jennings County United Way website: www.jcunitedway.org
- Recipients will be announced with Senior Awards at Jennings County High School and notified via the email. The email address submitted with the application is vital and will be used for all communications.
- Scholarship Claim Form and Proof of enrollment
 - Scholar must provide proof of enrollment in classes at the college he/she plans to attend by completing a Scholarship Claim Form on jcunitedway.org and uploading legible proof of enrollment in classes.
 - Proof of enrollment in classes can be a class schedule with your name on it, or another document that states your name, and that you have enrolled in classes.
- Checks made payable to both the student and a parent or guardian will be mailed to the address submitted on the Scholarship Claim form.
- Unclaimed scholarship funds will remain in the Dollars for Scholars fund and be awarded the following year.