## JAGA SCHOLARSHIP HOW TO APPLY

The Jacksonville Area Golf Association (JAGA) administers a scholarship fund (JAGA Charitable Trust) to assist worthy students associated with JAGA member organizations that are defined as golf-oriented organizations located in NE Florida. The JAGA Charitable Trust's Scholarship Program is administered by the Scholarship Chairman:

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## **WHO MAY APPLY**

Students who are associated with a JAGA member organization may apply if the following conditions are met:

- Scholarship applicants must be a member, the child or grandchild of a member who belongs to a JAGA member organization.
- Scholarship applicants may also be an employee, child or grandchild of an employee who is employed by a JAGA member organization.
- Assistant Golf Professionals that are employed by a JAGA member organization and after satisfactory completion of Level One may apply for financial assistance in attaining Level Two and Three Certification. The financial assistance shall be a one-time payment equal to a two-semester academic scholarship. The payment for Level Two certification will be made after at the successful completion of the Level Two program. The level Three payment will be paid upon acceptance to the Level Three program.
  - Assistant Golf professional's application for financial assistance from The JAGA Charitable Trust must include the following information:
    - Letter of Recommendation from the JAGA Director of the Club where employed.
    - Letter of Recommendation from Head Golf Professional, and/or General Manager of the sponsoring Club.
    - The application for Level Two certification must include Copies of Certification of Level One completion.
    - The application for Level Three certification must include a letter of acceptance into the Level Three program.
    - Letter from the applicant explaining why they deserve the scholarship, and how they can help JAGA promote the game of golf.
    - Letter explaining their involvement in Junior Golf Letters from Club members welcomed, but not required.



- Applicants that are applying for a scholarship to attend an accredited vocational school will be required to provide additional information, listed below:
  - Proof of vocational school's accreditation.
  - Area of study
  - o Programs or semesters needed to graduate.
  - Cost per program or semester.
- All applicants must reside within NE Florida as defined by the location of the JAGA member organizations.
- An applicant may be a graduating high school senior, who has received an acceptance letter from an accredited college or university, or an existing undergraduate attending an accredited college or university who is working toward their undergraduate degree.
- Each applicant must have a JAGA Director as a sponsor. The JAGA Director must represent the same JAGA Member organization as the applicant. The JAGA Director serving as a sponsor will be the main contact person for the student during the application process.

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The scholarship program is designed for undergraduate students and provides financial assistance for a maximum of eight semesters or until the student receives his undergraduate degree or trade school degree, whichever comes first. The steps in the submission process listed below are suggested time frames except for the **FIRM** deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup>. JAGA Directors may submit scholar applications any time after Feb.15th

**Action Date -** January/February 15th: The applicants should have met with at least one of the Directors associated with your JAGA member organization during this time frame. Directors will be making their decision regarding what students they will sponsor for a JAGA Scholarship as early as late January. When you meet with your JAGA Director, he can explain the qualification requirements, submission process, time schedule, and answer any questions.

**Action Date** – **January/February 15<sup>th</sup>:** The Director can provide their selected applicant with the application forms or they can be accessed on the JAGA website (https://jaxareagolf.org/). The applicant must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online and, after filing, they will receive the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) form which must be submitted with the application package.

Action Date – March 1st: No later than March 1st the applicant should have met with their Director for a final review of the application package for accuracy and assure all requested information and forms are completed. When the application package is complete send it to the Scholarship Chairman (see address above). The high school diploma must be sent directly to the Scholarship Chairman (see address above) when available.

Action Date – March 31st: If the application package is sent via U.S. Postal Service to the Scholarship Chairman it is recommended that you require a receipt signature. Make two copies of the complete final application package, one for the applicant and one for your JAGA Director. All applications must be received by March 31st; no exceptions.

Action Date — April: The first week of April the Scholarship Chairman will contact all of the applicants to schedule interviews with JAGA Scholarship Trustees. The interviews normally last about 15 minutes and will be scheduled over one or two days. Finally, the Scholarship Chairman will send an acceptance package to those students who have been awarded a JAGA scholarship, with a copy to the appropriate director. Applicants who are not awarded a scholarship will receive a letter, with a copy to the appropriate Director, from the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee notifying them of our decision.

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Please obtain the current scholarship application forms by going to the Scholarship Forms under the Scholarship heading of the JAGA website. If you have any questions about the process, please contact Joseph Grippi

at 904-608-3734 or <a href="mailto:itgrippi@gmail.com">itgrippi@gmail.com</a>.

A completed Scholarship Application Package consists of:

- Application for JAGA Charitable Trust Scholarship
- Signed copy of Requirements for Scholarship Grants
- · Family Background form
- Signed copy for the Release of Information Authorization
- High School Transcripts (up to application date)
- High School Diploma (when available)
- Letter of Acceptance from the applicable university or trade school
- Letter of Recommendation from the applicable JAGA Director
- Letter requesting a JAGA Scholarship prepared by the applicant
- First page only of the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) obtained after completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)