



First-Time Jason Ackerman Foundation Scholarship Application

The Jason Ackerman Foundation Belief Statement

Jason Ackerman Scholarships are awarded to students who are invested in giving back and “paying it forward” by positively affecting their community. It is our belief that, to be a functioning person in society, it is important to impact the community in a positive way.

Recipients will be chosen by the Jason Ackerman Scholarship (JAF) Committee and announced no later than June 15, 2018. *Applicants may be contacted for personal interviews.*

Scholarship Criteria:

In order to be eligible for an advanced education scholarship, an applicant must:

- Have survived a tragic circumstance due to illness or otherwise before the age of 21.
- Be a current legal resident of Florida.
- Be accepted by an accredited university, college, community college or vocational/technical school within the **state of Florida**.
- Complete the application; providing all requested information and required attachments.
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Be pursuing an undergraduate degree from a public university, college, community college, vocational/technical school or other approved program.

All applications must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2018.

Scholarship Recipient’s Responsibilities are:

- Communicate with the JAF personally. (The JAF will not discuss any information regarding a scholarship recipient with **any** person other than the recipient.)
- Provide the correct mailing address, contact information, including the specific office/department where their funding needs to be sent, and to update us immediately when changes occur.
- Ensure funds are sent to the proper school. Notification of any school transfers initiated after application submission **MUST** be provided to the JAF in writing within 15 days of transfer, or the student assumes the risk of losing funding.
- Submit their school email address and student ID number to JAF (as soon as they receive them).
- Submit first semester grades prior to December 20, 2018.
 - Each student must be aware an extension may need to be filed with the educational institution for second semester payment due to official grades having to be submitted before funding can be dispersed.
 - Failure to submit semester grades could result in loss of funding for second semester.
 - PLEASE NOTE: If uncontrollable circumstances have prevented a 2.5 first semester GPA, the student must request an appeal form, provide a clear explanation and submit any school documentation to support the appeal.
 - All final decisions are made on a case by case basis.
- Complete a minimum of 20 hours of community service per academic year. Provide a written description of detailed work completed, including a signed letter from a supervisor.
- Renew annually, using the renewal application.

Jason Ackerman Foundation responsibilities are:

- To communicate directly with students supported by our scholarship programs.
- To make checks payable directly to the student’s school of choice (Florida schools only).
 - PLEASE NOTE: Checks will **NOT** be made payable directly to any student **under any circumstances**.

Jason Ackerman Foundation Scholarship Program 2018-2019

First-Time Applicants

Personal Information

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Parent(s) Names _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Personal Email Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Other Phone _____

School Information

School Planning to Attend _____

Direct Contact at the School _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

School Phone _____ Student ID# _____

Your (Intended) Academic Major(s) _____

Please list your projected expenses for next year:

Tuition \$ _____ Room/Board \$ _____

Books \$ _____ Lab Fees \$ _____

Other (specify) \$ _____

Additional Financial Aid Information

Have you applied for any other scholarships? Yes _____ No _____

Have you received any other scholarships? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please list the scholarships and amounts granted

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

Have you applied for a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship? Yes _____ No _____

Did you receive it? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please check level: FAS___ FMS___ GSV___

Athletic Participation

Please list: _____

School Activities, Clubs & Organizations

Please list: _____

Please answer the following questions.

Remember, we want to know as much about YOU as we can!

1. Give us a description of your survivorship experience.
2. How did this experience change your outlook on life?
3. How do you see yourself impacting your community in a positive way, both during your college years and also after graduation?

Verification

I verify that the above information and all enclosures with this application are accurate and are completed solely by the applicant.

(By submitting online, you are electronically signing and agreeing to this verification.)

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

Final Checklist for Application Submission:

(All documents MUST BE LEGIBLE.)

- A copy of complete high school transcript.
- A copy of your letter of acceptance from an accredited university, college, community college or vocational/technical school (located in Florida).
- Completed application.
- Signed documentation confirming where community service hours were completed.
- Direct information for school payment, including address and contact person.
- Please attach a brief explanation of current total household income (for parents).

You can submit online, or mail hard copy to:

The Jason Ackerman Foundation
Attn: Scholarship Committee
PO Box 1109
Odessa, FL 33556

Please email info@jasonackermanfoundation.org with any questions.