

## **JROTC Leadership Advantage (JLA) JROTC Scholarship**

Dear Applicant,

JROTC Leadership Advantage is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that has a three-fold mission; foster and develop STEM related activities for high school JROTC cadets, provide internship opportunities, and provide scholarships for deserving JROTC Cadets. This letter serves as the announcement for the first ever JLA JROTC Academic Scholarship, to be awarded in the spring of 2020.

The JLA JROTC Scholarship is a needs-based product that has a maximum value of \$1500.00. Individuals who receive this award will be eligible to apply again in subsequent years. The scholarship is limited to cadets in their senior year of high school who have participated in MCJROTC for a minimum of two years, and must be active in MCJROTC during their senior year. Applicants must be pursuing education at a Community College, four-year college, or university in a STEM related field.

### Program Guidelines & Priorities:

- Applicants must be a United States citizen or legal permanent resident, unmarried, without dependents, and not pregnant.
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (unweighted), an A average in MCJROTC, and be in the top 50% of their senior class.
- Applicants must show a financial need, and seek a degree in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics related field.
- Applicants must provide letters of support from three faculty members, principal or counselor, and one member of the community not a family member.
- Application deadline is 1 March, 2020. Late applications are not accepted.
- Mail one copy of a completed application package to:  
JROTC Leadership Advantage MCJROTC Scholarship  
2809 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, #801  
Rock Island, Illinois, 61201
- The applications will be reviewed and recipients selected by a committee. The scholarships will be awarded during April-May, 2020.
- 'Word' Applications may be requested electronically at [JROTCLeadershipAdvantage@gmail.com](mailto:JROTCLeadershipAdvantage@gmail.com).
- Please submit any questions to the same email address.
- See 'Additional Information' at conclusion of this package for detailed instructions.



F. What additional scholarship applications have you submitted?

G. What is your intended college major, or area of interest?

H. Have you taken the ACT or SAT exam?

I. Have you been disciplined by your school administration for any reason in the last two years? If so, please explain.

J. Have you ever been arrested? If so, for what offense(s). What was the disposition of the arrest, e.g., conviction, acquittal, dismissal of charges? (Arrest will not necessarily bar your nomination. Factors such as disposition, seriousness, nature of the offense will be considered.

List number of family members, and Family Gross Annual Income from your latest Income Tax Form 1040 Line #22: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (If selected, recipients may be asked to verify annual household income by supplying pg. 1 of their 2019 IRS Income Tax Form)

Name of parent(s) or legal guardian(s):  
(Include address if different than your own.)

Home phone of parents or legal guardians:

Work phone:

Please **hand write** on a plain white 8.5 x 11 paper (do not type) an essay (300-500 words) answering the following:

Express your future educational and career goals (five-year plan). Have you had any obstacles or special challenges in school work, extra-curricular activities, or life in general? How did you overcome these challenges?

**Signatures**

I affirm that all of the information provided by me in this application is accurate. I also affirm that I am a United States citizen; unmarried without dependents and not pregnant; have good moral character; and will not be more than 23 years old on July 1, 2020.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Senior Marine Corps JROTC Instructor Validation**

I affirm that all of the applicant's information on this form relative to JROTC activities is accurate:

SMI/MI Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR**

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this scholarship program and that I support this application.

Name of guidance counselor submitting the application: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information (email and phone): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Information**

Submit an official full-length photograph (minimum 5x7) in service 'C' uniform without cover. Photograph must be mounted on a 8.5x11 inch sheet of white paper. Cadet's last name, first name, and middle initial, along with cadet rank, and the date the photo was taken is at the bottom of the sheet of paper.

The essay must be hand-written. The remainder of this application may be typed.

Provide letters of recommendation from **three** high school faculty members (excluding JROTC SMI/MI). Each faculty member must place his/her letter in a sealed envelope and sign his/her name across the envelope seal.

Provide a letter of recommendation from **either the school principal or your guidance counselor**. The letter must be placed in a sealed envelope and signed across the seal.

Provide a letter of recommendation from an adult outside of school who has known you for three or more years and who is not a relative. This individual must indicate their name and relationship to the applicant. Place the letter in a sealed envelope and sign his/her name across the seal.

All letters of recommendation must include contact information from the individual providing the letter.

Official high school transcript. If the high school uses a weighted GPA, a separate document must be included showing the computation of an unweighted GPA.

Provide a copy of your letter of acceptance at the college/university/community college which you will attend. (This may be provided after this application is sent.)

Provide a copy of ACT or SAT scores, unless the score is recorded on official transcript.

Application checklist for the student:

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed application form

\_\_\_\_\_ Photograph

\_\_\_\_\_ Essay

\_\_\_\_\_ Five Letters of recommendation (faculty x 3, counselor or principal, other adult)

\_\_\_\_\_ High School transcript (with GPA, class standing)

\_\_\_\_\_ ACT or SAT score

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