



# 2021 JAA SCHOLARSHIPS

## Important Information for Student-Athletes of the John Handley High School Class of 2021 and their Parents

Scholarship applications are due June 1st, 2021 by 7 p.m. We are asking you to please take the application to the Counseling office or email to [melmel135@comcast.net](mailto:melmel135@comcast.net) or mail to JAA, P O Box 2213, Winchester, VA 22604. If this is not possible please contact Melanie Melester (540) 533-4285 for further instructions.

The JAA Banquet will be held on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please save that date. Further details will be sent as soon as our plans are completed and approved.

## DESCRIPTION OF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### Mission Statement

The mission of the JAA Scholarship Program is to assist graduating student-athletes from John Handley High School, who meet specified eligibility requirements and selection criteria, with expenses such as tuition, room, and board related to higher education or technical education.

### History of the JAA Scholarship Program

The JAA was founded in 1957 and the first JAA scholarship was awarded in 1959 in the amount of \$100. In 2020, the JAA awarded scholarships to 34 student-athletes, totaling **\$66,000**. Since its founding, the JAA has provided **1125** Handley student-athletes with scholarships totaling over \$2 million.

### How are JAA Scholarships funded?

Each year is a new year for the JAA in terms of soliciting donors and fund-raising for the Scholarship Program. Therefore, the amount of funds available for scholarships will vary from year to year.

Funds for JAA scholarships come from various sources. Some funds are raised directly from JAA fundraisers, such as the 300 Club Raffle, the JAA Jackpot Raffle, Superfund Night, and the JAA Golf Tournament. A small amount of scholarship funding comes from continuing endowments established in honor or in memory of someone.

The majority of scholarships are funded year to year by private contributors who fund a scholarship to assist a Handley graduating senior. Some of these donors fund their scholarships in honor or in memory of a loved one or colleague. The support of these private contributors is invaluable to the JAA Scholarship Program.

### **Who determines who receives JAA Scholarships?**

The Judges Athletic Association is a volunteer organization comprised of individuals who donate many hours of their personal time for the benefit of Handley student-athletes and the Handley athletic program. The Scholarship Committee is made up of four to six JAA board members, none of whom is the parent of a member of the current graduating class. Application information is reviewed only by those on the Scholarship Committee and applications are handled with confidentiality and discretion.

### **Who should apply for a JAA Scholarship?**

All senior student-athletes who meet the eligibility criteria are invited to submit a scholarship application, which will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee based on the selection criteria.

### ***ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:***

To be eligible for consideration for a JAA scholarship, a student must:

- A. Have participated in a varsity sport at Handley in his or her senior year (this includes managers or student trainers). If you were a student athlete that only played a spring sport then we have the spring sport team rosters to verify. If there were extenuating circumstances that prevented you from playing a sport your senior year, we will need your written explanation. Such decision will be in the sole discretion of the Committee.
- B. Have been accepted to a college, university, technical or trade school by the time the application is submitted.
- C. Submit a fully completed and signed application by the stated deadline.

### ***SELECTION CRITERIA:***

The Scholarship Committee will review and evaluate all applications received which meet the above eligibility requirements. The Committee will apply the following selection criteria, based on an objective point system. The Committee may consider, to a limited degree, other factors supported by information presented in the student's scholarship application. **Please note that not every applicant will receive a JAA scholarship.**

#### **Financial Need (50%):**

Financial Need shall be based on family income level, other resources for college expenses including scholarships and grants, other family members in college, and such extenuating factors as the student and his or her family may wish to have considered.

Although Financial Need is the factor which shall receive the highest degree of consideration, no income level shall disqualify a candidate who meets the eligibility criteria from being considered. Although some students may receive little or no points for financial need, those who have strong academic records and levels of athletic participation may be candidates for scholarships under the point system.

Under a policy originating in 2005, students may elect to "opt out" of completing the financial section of the application. The student doing so forfeits all consideration of financial need as a factor and will receive no points for the factor which is weighted most heavily in the selection process, but his or her application will be eligible for consideration if otherwise qualified.

**Academic record (25%):**

Academic Record shall be based primarily on a student's grade point average.

**Level of Athletic Participation (25%):**

Level of Athletic Participation shall be based on the number of seasons of sports participation while at Handley. The Committee may give heavier weight to participation in the later high school years. The Committee may also take into consideration the situations of students who transferred to Handley after the freshman year or who faced other extenuating circumstances. Students should remember that varsity participation in at least one sport during the senior year is an eligibility requirement, unless waived in the discretion of the Committee.

**Additional Considerations.**

Just as each graduating class is different, each class of applicants presents unique situations for the Scholarship Committee to consider. The Scholarship Application adopted by the Scholarship Committee allows students and their parents to apprise the Committee of factors and circumstances of which they would like the Committee to be aware. The policies and procedures of the JAA Scholarship Program permit the Scholarship Committee to apply these guidelines as, in its discretion, it deems necessary and appropriate in carrying out the overall mission and objectives of the JAA Scholarship Program.

**For what purposes can a JAA scholarship be used?**

JAA scholarship awards are to be used for **tuition, room and board only.**

**How are scholarships paid?**

Scholarship money is paid to the requesting college/university/trade school only after required paperwork has been received. No funds are paid directly to the student.

**When will scholarships be awarded?**

**Scholarships will be awarded ON JUNE 13TH with COVID guidelines. We will advertise on social media when and how we will award the JAA scholarships.  
PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!!**

**The application must be completed according to the application instructions, signed by both the student and a parent or guardian, and returned to the Counseling office, email or snail mail.**

**THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED WILL BE TUESDAY, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> BY 7 P.M. THIS IS A HARD DEADLINE!!**

**If you have any questions, please contact JAA Scholarship Committee  
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Melanie Melester at 540-667-0736/540-533-4285**