

Academic Scholarship Committee

The Jewell School Academic Scholarship Committee is charged with promoting secondary education for the graduating students of Jewell High School by reviewing applications and recommending scholarship awards to the Jewell School Board.

The Jewell School Academic Scholarship Committee shall be a total of 5 members comprised of the following:

1. One Jewell School Board Member;
2. One Jewell School District Certified Staff Member;
3. The Jewell School Superintendent or Designee;
4. The Jewell School Business Manager;
5. One Parent Teacher Organization (Jewell PTO) member who is not an employee of Jewell School and does not have a graduating senior. If no PTO member is qualified, then one member of the community who is not an employee of the Jewell School District and does not have a graduating senior.

The Superintendent shall make committee member recommendations to the Jewell School Board.

The Jewell School Board will appoint committee members.

Committee members will use the "Guidelines for the Jewell School District Academic Scholarship" and Jewell School District Policy to make recommendations for scholarship awards.

The committee will make scholarship recommendations to the Jewell School Board for approval at the May Board meeting each year.

Jewell School District Academic Scholarship Guidelines

1. Academic scholarships of up to \$4000.00 may be awarded to graduating seniors who meet all criteria. In addition, students may receive \$250.00 for each 11th grade state assessment "exceeded" up to a maximum of \$1,000.00 to be added to the Academic Scholarship for a maximum total of \$5000.00
2. Students must have completed requirements for a district diploma.
3. Students must have attended Jewell High School full-time their senior year and have an average attendance record of 90%, excluding absences for school approved activities. Consideration may be given for an attendance record of less than 90% for unique circumstances.
4. Students must have attended Jewell High School at least 2.5 years and have a minimum GPA of 2.50.
5. Students must complete and submit the Academic Scholarship Application.
6. The scholarship selection criteria is based on:
 - a. Application Form
 - b. An essay written by the student, (1) setting out their goals for the future and how further education will help attain these goals, (2) where they plan to attend and why they chose the particular school, and (3) their leadership roles and character displayed in school, community and home setting.
 - c. A list of scholarships, awards, grants applied for and any subsequent award letters.
 - d. A copy of their high school transcript, a copy of their PSAT, SAT, or ACT scores, and a copy of their 11th grade state assessment scores.
 - e. An interview with the Academic Scholarship Committee, which may include an extemporaneous writing.
7. Scholarship applications are due April 15.
8. Students who have graduated from Jewell High School within 4 years and were otherwise qualified for the scholarship but did not apply, may be eligible by petitioning the Jewell School Board.
9. Total scholarship awards are to be divided into two equal payments paid out over 2 years. Petitions for different disbursement of the additional awards for state assessment test scores may be made to the superintendent.
10. Scholarship may apply to any expenditure related to fees, tuition, books or housing at any accredited post-secondary institution (university, community college, technical or trade school).
11. The scholarship will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution at the beginning of the quarter or semester requested. The post-secondary institution will then issue funds as per Jewell School District's request (see Appendix 1). Students who qualify for a second year will receive the remaining funds during the requested quarter or semester.

12. Students receiving academic scholarships must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.50, or maintain satisfactory progress toward program completion, each term.
13. To be eligible to renew the scholarship the second year, the student must finish with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 and submit a letter of intent along with an official transcript or proof of progress to the Jewell School District.
14. Students may be enrolled part-time or full-time and courses must show progress toward the student's educational plan.
15. Eligibility for the scholarship expires 4 years after awarded. If the student enlists in the US armed forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard) after graduating high school and remains in service past the 4 year expiration of the scholarship, they may be eligible to receive the scholarship after being honorably or medically discharged, with proof of military enrollment.