



2024 Raymond and Marie Schlenker Scholarship Application Requirements

The Johnston Community School Foundation is proud to offer the Raymond and Marie Schlenker Scholarship. One \$10,000 scholarship, payable at a rate of \$2,500 per year for four years, will be awarded to a Johnston High School (JHS) graduating senior with a GPA of 2.5 or higher who intends to further their education at an accredited Iowa four-year college or university.

CRITERIA

1. The student must graduate from JHS with a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or higher.
2. The student must enroll in an accredited Iowa four-year college or university on a full-time basis immediately following graduation from JHS and maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher each term for the four years.
3. The student must submit responses to the following questions:
 - Question 1: Indicate how you intend to finance your college education. How will this scholarship help you meet your educational and career goals?
 - Question 2: Outline your extra-curricular school activities, community service, and work involvement throughout high school. How have they enhanced your educational experience?
 - Question 3a: Define your key character traits and describe a time your character has been tested. How has this impacted you?
 - Question 3b: Provide an example of how you have overcome adversity in your life. What have you learned from the experience?
4. Letters of Recommendation: The student must submit two letters of recommendation. One letter must be from a school representative in the Johnston Community School District (JCSD teacher, counselor, staff or administrator). The second letter must be from a member of the community not affiliated with the school district. The letters should highlight the student's character and work ethic at JHS and in the community. Letters should NOT be from a relative or family member.
5. The student must participate in any interview process if selected for such.

HERE'S HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION!

DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted electronically no later than **11:59 PM CDT Tuesday, April 2, 2024.** *Late or incomplete applications and/or reference letters will not be accepted.*

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Applications must be submitted via email using the Google.doc application template found on the Foundation website at wearejohnston.com under the Scholarship tab
- Applicants should download the application, save a copy under their name, and complete the application.
- Email completed application to: jcsfscholarship@gmail.com

REMEMBER TO REQUEST TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: *The people who write your recommendation letters must send their letter directly to the JCSE via mail or email. However, you are responsible for checking back with them to ensure that they deliver the letter to the Johnston Community School Foundation by the deadline.*

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Via EMAIL: jcsfscholarship@gmail.com

Via US MAIL: Johnston Community School Foundation, Schlenker Scholarship, P.O. Box 1185, Johnston, IA 50131

All JCSD representative (JCSD teacher, guidance counselor, staff or administrator) recommendation letters must be emailed from the johnston.k12.ia.us domain by **11:59 PM CDT April 2, 2024.**

Community member reference letters must be emailed by **11:59 PM CDT April 2, 2024,** or postmarked on or before **April 2, 2024.**

Guidelines for recommendation letters can be found on the Foundation website at wearejohnston.com under the Scholarship tab.

GPA: The JHS Counseling Office will verify each student's GPA after applications are submitted.

SELECTION: A Schlenker Scholarship selection committee will evaluate all completed application submissions. *If selected as a finalist, candidates must participate in an interview, tentatively set for Wednesday, April 17th, between 3:30 and 5:00 PM.* The scholarship recipient will be notified by the selection committee and be announced to the public in April/May 2024.

SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENTS: Scholarship payments will be made after the fall semester is completed and an official transcript of fall semester grades has been received by the Foundation. Recipients must request an official transcript of their fall semester grades be sent directly to Johnston Community School Foundation. Official transcripts should be mailed to: Johnston Community School Foundation-Schlenker Scholarship Program, P. O. Box 1185, Johnston, IA 50131, or emailed directly to aprilwilson@jcsfoundation.org. Payment will not be made until an official transcript is received. Payment will be made directly to the college or university and applied to the student's account to be used for second semester tuition, room and board, and books.

EARLY GRADUATION: If a recipient will graduate in less than four years, it is possible to request early payment of the recipient's remaining installments with the following stipulations: the recipient must request early payment at least **60 days** prior to the beginning of the semester(s) for which they are requesting early payment; early payment will only be considered for undergraduate programs; all requests must be submitted in writing to the Foundation for review by the Foundation Board of Directors on a case by case basis.

Questions should be directed to aprilwilson@jcsfoundation.org.