



Juneau Education Association

Scholarship 2026

The Juneau Education Association (JEA) is proud to announce its annual scholarship awards for the 2025-2026 school year. This scholarship is made possible and funded by JEA membership dues and individual contributions.

Qualifications

1. The student must be a dependent of current JEA members or teachers who were current members at the time of their retirement or passing.
2. The student must be accepted, or awaiting admission to a business/trade/college institution.
3. The student must be graduating from high school this 2025-2026 school year.

Application Process

To apply, applicants need to submit all of the following:

1. A **cover letter** that:

- a. Introduces yourself as an applicant
- b. States who your parent/guardian(s) are that are current or retired JEA members, or were current members at the time of their death
- c. Is a maximum of one page, and can include the following optional information:

You may choose to explain your transcript, such as coursework choices, earned grades, or anything else you want the evaluator to know. For example, you can explain a difficult semester, a challenging class, or course choices over time. This information can be used to help the committee evaluate rigor, growth, and challenge.

2. A 600-800 word **essay** that:

- a. Responds to **ONE** of the following two essay prompts:

- i. **Describe one teacher who had a significant impact on your education,**

OR

- ii. **Describe a significant educational experience and the impact it had on you.**

- b. Is typed and written in MLA format. We suggest checking MLA formatting using a reliable resource such as this website: <http://bit.ly/essayinMLA>

3. A copy of your **current transcript** including first semester grades and currently enrolled courses.
4. Completed **teacher recommendation form** and **essay permissions**.

Submission Guidelines

All documents are due **Friday, April 3, 2026**.

1. All applicants must submit their application documents through email as PDF attachments to jeaedexcellence@gmail.com by 11:59 pm on Friday, April 3, 2026.
2. Required documents are:
 - a. **Cover letter (email as PDF)**
 - b. **Essay (email as PDF)**
 - c. **Transcript (email as PDF)**
 - d. **Recommendations from 5 teachers (a Google form, link on page 3)**
 - e. **Student permission (a Google form, link on page 3)**
3. Incomplete applications will be assessed based on what is provided by 11:59 pm on Friday, April 3, 2026.

Selection Process:

The evaluation committee will score applications based on the enclosed rubrics. Each document in the application will be weighted according to the following scale: the essay accounts for 70% of the total score, teacher recommendations comprise 20%, and the transcript score and GPA score will be combined for 10%. The cover letter is required but not included in the final score. Award(s) are based solely on the strength of the application and will be determined at committee's discretion. Submitting the application does not guarantee an award. Award(s) will be announced at the Senior Scholarship Event for JDHS and at graduation for YDHS.

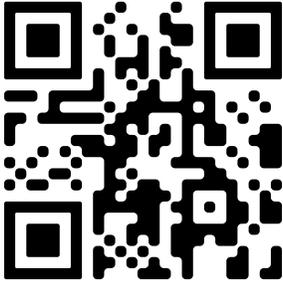
***Helpful Tip:** Give teachers some lead time on the recommendations, remind them, and email us if a teacher is slow to respond.*

Questions:

Please contact Electra Gardinier, JEA Ed Excellence Chair at:
jeaedexcellence@gmail.com

Teacher Recommendation Form

Directions: Please ask five (5) teachers to complete a JEA Scholarship Teacher Recommendation Google Form: <https://forms.gle/oNLjYjT4wzAMx5pbA>



All teacher recommendations must be submitted by the application due date of Friday, April 3, by 11:59 PM. It is your responsibility to ask the teachers and provide them with the link to the Google Form.

Permission to Share Essay



JEA reserves the right to share or publish essays after student graduation.

To be considered for an award, please complete this Google form: <https://forms.gle/am7KPST18QjeWRGLA>

Rubric for Essay

70% of total score

4	3	2	1
An outstanding essay will insightfully and clearly explore an educational experience OR a teacher's impact with significant details and explanation. Language usage is excellent.	A very good essay will clearly explore an educational experience OR a teacher's impact on their education. Language usage is strong, may contain some errors but they are not distracting.	A good essay will explore an educational experience OR a teacher's impact on their education. Clarity or connection to their experience may not be clear. Language usage needs some attention.	An essay needing work may not explore an educational experience OR a teacher's impact on their education. Clarity or connection to their experience may not be clear. Poorly edited or revised.

Teacher Recommendations

20% of total score

Points awarded to the teacher recommendations will be on a 4-1 scale. There is no scoring guidance for this part of the application.

Rubric for Transcript through first semester senior year

10% of total score

4	3	2	1
Transcript reflects diversity of coursework, demonstrates growth and challenge Credits reflect rigor with a projected graduation of more than 23 credits	Transcript reflects some diversity of coursework, and academic growth and challenge is not consistent Credits meet minimum graduation requirements	Transcript does not reflect diversity in coursework, growth or challenge is unclear Credits meet minimum graduation requirements	Transcript meets minimum for graduation Credits meet minimum graduation requirements
Student GPA awarded as points out of 4.0, i.e. a student with a 3.8 GPA gets 3.8 points			

Optional: In your cover letter, you may write 1-2 paragraphs explaining the transcript, such as coursework choices, earned grades, or anything else you want the evaluator to know. For example: explain a difficult semester, a challenging class, or course choices over time. This information can be used to help the committee evaluate rigor, growth, and challenge.