

## JLB Academic Scholarship

Intellectual capital is one of Birmingham's most valuable resources, and JLB feels it is important to invest in the development of tomorrow's leaders. Originally founded in the 1930s in honor of Mrs. Harold L. Bissell, the Junior League of Birmingham's Scholarship fund was re-established in 2012 to commemorate the League's 90th anniversary. Each year since, the JLB Academic Scholarship has funded deserving women to support the volunteer and leadership potential of Birmingham's rising leaders. The scholarship was renamed from the JLB Memorial Scholarship to the JLB Academic Scholarship in 2014.

The JLB Academic Scholarship is a non-renewable scholarship, distributed annually. The number of recipients varies each year based on available funding. Awards are given in the amount of \$5,000. If the JLB identifies additional funding, an additional award of \$2,500 may be awarded in that year.

1. In order to be eligible for a JLB Academic Scholarship, the applicant must:
  - Be a current resident of Jefferson or Shelby county
  - Enroll as a full or part-time student in any private or public accredited two- or four-year college or vocational-technical school for the upcoming academic year
  - Demonstrate a solid academic performance with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
  - Demonstrate active participation and leadership in community activities
  - Demonstrate leadership skills and potential for leadership success
  - Exhibit financial need
2. Preference will be given to non-traditional students as defined by The National Center for Education Statistics.

### *Non traditional Students:*

- *Delays enrollment (does not enter postsecondary education in the same calendar year that he or she finished high school)*
  - *Attends part-time for at least part of the academic year*
  - *Works full-time (35 hours or more per week) while enrolled*
  - *Is considered financially independent for purposes of determining eligibility for financial aid*
  - *Has dependents other than a spouse (usually children, but may also be caregivers of sick or elderly family members)*
  - *Does not have a high school diploma (completed high school with a GED or other high school completion certificate or did not finish high school)*
3. Applicants must submit all of the following to be considered for a JLB Academic Scholarship:
    - The general application form

- At least two (2) recommendation forms/letters from the following list of eligible references:
    - A current or past teacher or adult mentor
    - An individual involved with your community service
    - A personal acquaintance
  - A copy of applicant's unofficial transcript(s)
  - A copy of applicant's resume
4. JLB Academic Scholarship Committee selection process:
- General scholarship application form is due by February 1
  - JLB Academic Scholarship Committee will select finalists by February 21
  - Finalists may be required to interview with members of the JLB Academic Scholarship Interview Committee. JLB Academic Scholarship Interview Committee conducts interviews in-person or by means of virtual platform
  - Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than April 30.

**Any application not including all of the above items will be considered incomplete and will not be considered in the review process.**

Submit completed applications (application form; personal, volunteer, and community statements; transcript, if applicable; and resume) by email at [scholarship@jlbonline.com](mailto:scholarship@jlbonline.com) or mail/hand deliver no later than February 1, 2022 to:

The Junior League of Birmingham  
Attn: Scholarship Chair  
2212 20th Ave. South  
Birmingham, AL 35223

\*Recommendation letters/forms can be submitted separately by the teacher/mentor.