



JCC Association
of North America

PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
Scholarship Program

JCC Association's Professional Development Scholarship Program is designed to help current JCC professionals deepen and enhance their professional knowledge in order to advance their career at a JCC.

There are three different types of scholarships available:

1. Scholarships for degree-seeking professionals e.g. MA, MS (post-graduate degree only)
2. Scholarships for professionals looking to obtain a certification
3. Scholarships for professionals who want to further their career through continued education (e.g. one class on a specific subject)

Professionals pursuing a graduate degree on a full-time basis can receive up to \$5,000/semester; part-time students should expect to receive less than the full \$5,000/semester. Scholarship money for part-time students awarded will be based on how many credits will be taken in a semester. To qualify for one of JCC Association's Professional Development Scholarships, you must be:

- Working full-time at a JCC while in school **AND**
- Pursuing your degree on a full- or part-time basis

Scholarships will be awarded on a school-year based academic calendar, two semesters at a time.

Scholarships for certificates and continuing education will be based on the cost of the program, as well as available funds.

Deadlines

DEGREE-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Those applying for degree-based scholarships who wish to be considered for both the Fall and Spring semesters must apply by **June 1st**
- Those applying for degree-based scholarships who wish to be considered for **ONLY** the Spring Semester must apply by **October 1st**

CERTIFICATE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION:

- Those applying for certificate and continuing education programs who wish to be considered for both the Fall and Spring semesters must apply by **June 1st**,
- Those applying for certificate and continuing education programs who wish to be considered for **ONLY** the Spring semester must apply by **October 1st**

Application process

Degree-seeking applicants must provide:

- 1 completed application
- 1 Recommendation letter from Executive Director
- 1 Recommendation letter from a second source (professional)
- Essay

- Brochure or outline of degree and program requirements

Certificate-seeking applicants must provide:

- 1 completed application
- 1 Recommendation letter from Executive Director
- Essay
- Brochure or outline of program and program requirements

Continuing education applications must provide:

- 1 completed application
- 1 Recommendation from Executive Director

A failure to provide all required documents will disqualify the applicant from consideration.

Degree-seeking and some certificate-seeking applicants who are selected, will be required to do an interview (ZOOM call) with a member of the JCC Association Scholarship team.

If awarded a scholarship, the recipient must re-certify each semester with proof of employment, previous semester's grades, and proof of registration in order to continue to receive a scholarship from JCC Association. A 3.0 GPA or better is required to reapply for additional funding. Information regarding re-certification will be communicated pending receipt of scholarship award.

Work Requirement

Applicants should be aware that there will be a work requirement after graduation, based on the total amount of scholarship received from JCC Association (see below for a detailed breakdown of this requirement). Failure to complete this requirement will turn the scholarship into an interest-free loan, and the recipient will be required to pay back this amount in full to JCC Association.

\$20,000 – 2 year work requirement

\$15,000 – 1.5 year work requirement

\$10,000 – 1 year work requirement

\$5,000 – 6 month work requirement

Less than \$5,000 – Other project to be determined by Scholarship manager

When completed, please email egettinger@jcca.org all parts of your application.

Note: the application should take **45-60** minutes to complete.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
(Must Be Typed or Reproduced by Computer)

Date: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

JCC Name: _____

Address: _____

Email (work): _____

Phone(work): _____

Which scholarship program are you applying to? (Please only mark one) Degree ___ Certificate ___ Continuing Ed. ___
 Is your JCC giving you financial support for any portion of your education? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please note how much _____

GENERAL EDUCATION

Beginning with most recent.

College, Graduate and Professional Schools Attended	From		Graduation		Degree Received	Specialized Field of Study	GPA
	Mo.	Yr.	Mo.	Yr.			

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Start with most recent.

Dates of Employment	Your Title and Brief Description	F/T, P/T, Summer	Agency & Address	Supervisor

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

List involvement in communal and professional activities as a volunteer.

Dates	Position and Responsibilities	Agency & Address	Reported to:

SUPPLEMENTARY TRAINING EXPERIENCES

List the training institutes, courses & workshops in which you participated.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

List special achievements, honors, publications & scholarships achieved in the prior 24 months.

FOR DEGREE-SEEKING APPLICANTS (ALL OTHERS PLEASE SKIP)

Please list the schools/programs to which you are applying, the degree(s) you intend to pursue, how many credits you plan on taking (whether that is part-time or full-time), and your expected date of graduation. If you are applying for one of our partnership programs (information can be found at jcca.org/scholarships) please indicate with an *.

	School/Program	Degree(s)	Expected credits/semester	Expected Graduation Date	Accepted?
1st choice					
2nd choice					
3rd choice					

If you are currently enrolled in a graduate program, indicate the school and program you are attending, how many credits you are taking per semester, and your expected date of graduation:

FOR CERTIFICATE-SEEKING APPLICANTS (ALL OTHERS PLEASE SKIP)

Please describe the certificate program you are applying for. Please state how long the program will take and total cost of the program.

FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION APPLICANTS (ALL OTHERS PLEASE SKIP)

Please describe the continuing education you are applying for and how this will apply to your work. Please state the start and end dates, and total cost of the program.

How did you learn about the JCC Association Professional Development Scholarship Program? (If you were referred by an employee of a JCC or of JCC Association, please include their name).

Please list other scholarships, if any, for which you are also applying or have been awarded for use toward this educational program.

RECOMMENDATION FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A critical component of the application process is the recommendation from your Executive Director. This recommendation should explain why you are seeking the scholarship, and how this degree or program will benefit you, your career, your JCC, and the JCC Movement as a whole.

RECOMMENDATION FROM SECOND SOURCE (for Degree seeking applicants)

This recommendation should highlight you and your achievements, as well as outline why you deserve to receive a scholarship from JCC Association.

ESSAY

Your essay should explain why you feel you are deserving of receiving a scholarship from JCC Association. The essay should also demonstrate why your degree or program is necessary for your professional development, career goals, how it will enhance your JCC and the JCC Movement, and any other factors you believe the committee should know about you when considering your application.

Please title it "Essay – Your Name". Be sure that it does **not exceed two pages**. It must be typed and emailed to egettinger@jcca.org with the rest of your application, recommendation letter(s) (if second is required), and brochure of your program (if required).

ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONS OR COMMITMENTS OF SCHOLARSHIP:

I am aware of the conditions of the scholarship for which I am applying and I am ready to commit myself to the requirements outlines above.

Date _____ Name (Signed) _____