

# APPLICANT CHECKLIST

\*Be a resident of a state with JA Chapters (AL, AR, FL, KY, LA, MO, MS, or TN).

\*Completed, or will have completed, undergraduate studies prior to the beginning of the scholarship year.

\*Applied to a graduate program and received confirmation of acceptance by April 1.

\*Selected a field of study which focuses on the needs of children and youth.

\*Submitted NAJA Scholarship Application Form on the NAJA website.

\*Submitted a copy of driver's license on the NAJA website.

\*Submitted the expense page(s) from current school catalog on the NAJA website.

\*Submitted transcripts of all undergraduate study from college or university on the NAJA website.

\*Requested and received three (3) Scholarship Recommendation Form submissions from educational, professional and character references on the NAJA website.

\*Submitted resume on the NAJA website.

\*Submitted completed application online by February 1st.

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who  
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc. annually awards scholarships to persons pursuing graduate level studies in fields which address the needs of children and youth. Graduate fields of study include, but are not limited to: Counseling, Psychology, Mental Health, Special Needs, Speech Pathology, Exceptional Children, Remedial Skills Development, hearing Impaired, Gifted and Talented, etc.

Award recipients may attend the college or university of their choice. If more than one scholarship year is required to complete studies, the recipient may re-apply, provided all previous agreements have been fulfilled satisfactorily.

## PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The National Association of Junior Auxiliaries was established in 1941 with the purpose of uniting members "to render charitable services which are beneficial to the general public, with particular emphasis on children; to cooperate with other organizations performing similar services." Today the growing Association continues the focus of meeting the needs of children and youth in keeping with the NAJA slogan:

## *Care Today — Character Tomorrow*

Begun in 1969, the NAJA Scholarship Program provides awards to qualified and deserving applicants whose enhanced education and training ultimately benefit children and youth.

Great importance is attached to the applicant's purpose in life, dedication to the chosen field and scholastic record. Financial need of a candidate is not the determining factor in the selection of the recipient. The purpose for entering the profession must coincide with the Junior Auxiliary underlying purpose of helping children and youth in need.

The primary purpose of the Scholarship grant is to present a gift to the children and youth.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Official application forms are available between September 1 and February 1 on the NAJA website at [www.najanet.org](http://www.najanet.org).

Applications must be submitted online.

June 1 through May 31 - Scholarship Year

February 1 - Deadline for submissions of application, recommendation forms, and required attachments to NAJA Headquarters.

First week in April - Scholarship Committee meets, interviews finalists by telephone, selects recipients, and awards scholarships.

## SELECTION PROCESS

Scholarship applicants are evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Commitment to the needs of children and youth.
  2. Scholarship
  3. Recommendation Form & Letter
  4. Motivation and Goals
- Scholarship awards are based on applicant qualifications and available funds.

## OBLIGATIONS OF RECIPIENT

The recipient of a NAJA scholarship agrees to the following:

1. To inform him/herself of the basic purposes of Junior Auxiliary, particularly the process of helping children and youth,
2. To maintain a high level of Scholarship and behavior and to send to the Scholarship Committee a transcript of all grades received during the period of the grant;
3. To notify the Scholarship Committee of any change in name, address, major field of study, or school.