



**Junior  
Achievement™**  
of Central Upstate New York



## THE JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AND SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**DUE 5:00PM ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026**

### OVERVIEW

The mission of Junior Achievement (JA) is to prepare young people to succeed in a global economy by providing hands-on, engaging programs that challenge them to consider the importance of their education, individual interests, and life skills relating to financial literacy, entrepreneurship and workforce readiness.

Junior Achievement is proud to partner with Syracuse University, and is grateful for their on-going commitment to youth development in the Central Upstate New York Region. The Junior Achievement and Syracuse University Scholarship provides one Junior Achievement student with a full tuition, 4-year renewable scholarship to Syracuse University for each academic year. Students must have participated in a JA program and embody the JA spirit, as demonstrated through their life experiences, drive, and future aspirations.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Current or previous participation in a JA program *in high school*
- ☐ Graduating during the 2025-2026 school year and entering college in the fall 2026.
- ☐ Graduate from a high school in one of the following counties: Broome, Cayuga, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis, Livingston, Madison, Monroe, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Oswego, Otsego, Schuyler, Seneca, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne, & Yates
- ☐ Work experience through a summer job or part-time employment during the academic year
- ☐ Able to meet admissions standards for Syracuse University and have applied to Syracuse University prior to applying for this scholarship
- ☐ An interview may be required for applicants by the Syracuse University Office of Financial Aid & Scholarship Programs

For additional information on the Junior Achievement and Syracuse University Scholarship please visit.  
<http://financialaid.syr.edu/typesofaid/scholarships/su/#JuniorAchievementScholarship>

**COMPLETED APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

The following items must be submitted by the application deadline:

- ☐ Completed application (pages 3-6)
- ☐ High school transcript
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation (written by a teacher, principal, counselor, employer or church representative)
- ☐ Two short essays, which answer the questions on the final page of the application

**Please submit all requirements as a package. Do not send any pieces of your application separately.** Any additional documents will not be considered.

**DEADLINE**

Applications must be **received by** 5:00pm on Friday, February 13, 2026. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

**Return completed application to:**

Junior Achievement and Syracuse University Scholarship  
c/o Junior Achievement of Central Upstate New York  
200 W. Ridge Road, Box #1  
Rochester, NY 14615

**Questions?** Please contact Dawn Longuil @ [dawn.longuil@ja.org](mailto:dawn.longuil@ja.org) or 585.746.3296.

**PLEASE NOTE**

- At the end of each academic year, Scholars will be required to submit a college transcript and brief essay on how the scholarship will benefit the student in the following year.
- To inspire other students, Scholars will be requested to share their JA, college, and post-college stories through speaking engagements, potentially including but not limited to the Rochester Business Hall of Fame event, the Titan of Business Challenge, JA Inspire and other K-12 in-school opportunities as they become available.



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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name	
Street Address	
City, State, ZIP	
Home Phone Number	
Cell Phone Number	
Student E-mail	
Parent E-mail	
Name of High School	
Graduation Date	
Date of Birth	
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s)	
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Occupation(s)	

### JA EXPERIENCE

List all Junior Achievement (JA) programs/events/ engagements you have been involved in. Visit <https://cuny.ja.org> for a list of all JA programs.

<u>JA Program</u>	<u>Year(s) or Grades in School</u>

In 3-4 sentences, tell us how Junior Achievement programs have impacted you. You may include any information about your JA volunteer, the content of the program, and/how it may have changed your future plans.


*JA Build Your Future™* is a tool that helps teens and their parents break down the cost of achieving young people's goals into real, usable numbers. The app was designed to help teens explore potential future income from a desired career and assess the cost of post-secondary education to help them make more informed decisions about their futures. The app is available for free to download on mobile phones and tablets from Apple App and Google Play stores.

Using the *JA Build Your Future™* app explore the career you are interested in pursuing and assess how you will financially meet this goal. In addition, tell us about your financial skill level now and how you plan to improve your skills and make wise financial decisions for your future.


**HIGH SCHOOL AND OTHER EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

List business-related clubs/activities in which you have participated, office(s) held, and indicate when you were involved (DECA, FBLA, etc.).

<b>Business-related Club/Activity</b>	<b>Year(s)</b>	<b>Title</b>

List volunteer activities or non-business extra-curricular activities in which you have participated, office(s) held, and indicate when you were involved (Girl/Boy Scouts, etc.).

<b>Volunteer Club/Activity</b>	<b>Year(s)</b>	<b>Title</b>

List any sports in which you have participated, years and level of participation (JV, Varsity, Club, Intermural, etc.) and any honors you have received for your involvement.

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Level/Year</b>	<b>Honors/Awards</b>

List any clubs, businesses, or other similar endeavors that you have initiated and implemented.

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List any other leadership activities and roles that you have experienced but you did not list above.

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**WORK EXPERIENCE**

Have you worked after school?	
Have you worked during the summer?	
Place of Employment	
Job Title	
Average Hours Worked Per Week	
Please list your employer(s) responsibilities below:	

**HIGHER EDUCATION PLANS**

Date you plan to enter college:	
Intended Major:	
In 3-4 sentences, please describe why you have chosen this major?	
In 3-4 sentences, why do you want to attend Syracuse University?	

To which colleges/universities have you applied?

College/University	City & State	Date Applied	Application Status

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**FINANCES**

How do you plan to finance college?

Gross Annual Household Income

Number of dependents (not including working parents):

Explain any extenuating circumstances that affect your financial situation.

**BUDGET ESTIMATE**

Please estimate your budget as a college freshman at Syracuse University:

Expenses	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	TOTAL
Tuition			
Housing			
Books			
Meals			
Transportation			
Entertainment			
Clothing			
Laundry			
Other:			
<b>TOTAL</b>			

**ESSAYS**

Please answer both of the questions below and provide your answers on a separate piece of paper (maximum 300 words each).

- 1) How do you plan to pursue your own version of the American Dream?
- 2) Describe a moment when you took a risk. What problem did you face, what were your choices, and what decision did you make?

**ATTACHMENTS**

Ensure you have attached the following documents:

- High school transcript
- Two letters of recommendation (written by a teacher, principal, counselor, employer, etc.)
- Essays

**AUTHORIZATION**

By submitting this application, I authorize Junior Achievement to share my name, contact information, and application with Syracuse University. Scholars' information may be shared in JA communications, including but not limited to media releases, the JA website, newsletters, and social media publicizing the scholarship or Scholars. I understand and accept the application requirements and attest that the information reported in this application is true and accurate.

Applicant's Signature	
Print Applicant's Name	
Date	