

# Junior Achievement

## Joe Francomano Scholarship



### Shared Investment

The Achievement Foundation has established a scholarship in honor of Mr. Joe Francomano. This scholarship recognizes his 50 years of dedication and commitment to Junior Achievement. Joe, executive vice president for 44 years, helped the organization reach major milestones through his leadership and foresight. He was instrumental in ensuring the transition of Junior Achievement programs from after-school programs to in-school programs.

The Joe Francomano Scholarship is awarded annually to high school students who have demonstrated academic achievement, leadership skills, and a financial need.

### Junior Achievement USA™

JA educates and inspires young people to value free enterprise, business, and economics to improve the quality of their lives. Its curricula addresses business and economic concepts and workforce skills that sequentially build from kindergarten through grade 12.



[www.ja.org](http://www.ja.org)

## Program

The Joe Francomano Scholarship recognizes and encourages the academic achievements of graduating seniors.

The Achievement Foundation will provide an annual award of \$5,000 per year for four years (\$20,000 total). However, the recipient must re-qualify annually to maintain his or her status to receive funds. Award checks will be mailed directly to the college or university.

The Joe Francomano Scholarship will be awarded to high school students who have demonstrated academic achievement, leadership skills, and a financial need. The award is to be used for education expenses at any accredited post-secondary educational institution for any field of study resulting in a baccalaureate degree.

The program is independently managed by Junior Achievement USA. Awards are made without regard to race, color, creed, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

## Eligibility

- Must be a high school senior who will graduate before June 30 of the current school year.
- Must be qualified, upon graduation, to enroll at an accredited four-year college or university.
- Must have completed *JA Company Program* or *JA Economics*.
- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Must ensure that the application, accompanied by the required supporting documents, be postmarked on or before February 1, 2012.
- Must exemplify academic achievement, leadership skills, and college and career potential.
- Must write a one-page essay.
- Must submit proof of family income (as shown on most recent form filed by parent or guardian).
- Must re-qualify each year.

## Personal Essay

In an effort to better recognize an applicant's past achievements and future goals, the selection committee requires a personal essay from each applicant. The question for the 2011/12 application is: "You are a successful entrepreneur. In one sentence, provide your definition of the term 'successful entrepreneur.'" Then explain in 250 words or less, "How would you actively help the US economy recover from the current economic recession?" This essay should be double spaced, and typed.

## Application Procedure

Applicant should:

- Meet the eligibility requirement.
- Complete and sign the application. A parent or legal guardian must co-sign.
- Attach a current official transcript, as well as three letters of recommendation, including one from a Junior

Achievement high school programs business consultant, one from a Junior Achievement staff person, and one from either a teacher or other school official.

- Mail the completed and signed application, official transcript, personal essay, proof of family income, and letters of recommendation to:

Joe Francomano Scholarship  
Junior Achievement USA  
One Education Way  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

All application materials must be submitted together (two first class stamps are usually required) and must be postmarked on or before February 1, 2012.

Scholarship applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. JA Worldwide will evaluate all applications. Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail after April 30, 2012. Applications and materials will not be returned.

## Selection Process

The Joe Francomano Scholarship recipients are selected on the following basis:

- GPA – a minimum cumulative 3.0 (official transcript including SAT/ACT scores).
- Personal essay.
- Extracurricular activities, volunteer community services, part- or full-time work experience.
- Letters of recommendation.
- Financial need (proof of family income as shown on most recent IRS forms filed by parent or legal guardian).

## Note

The Achievement Foundation reserves the right to change or discontinue this program without notice.

The selection of scholarship recipients will be influenced by the completeness of replies, neatness, legibility, proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling on the application form and the essay.

Questions regarding the Joe Francomano Scholarship may be directed to Junior Achievement USA at:

[scholarships@ja.org](mailto:scholarships@ja.org)

## Recipient Obligations

No obligation of any kind will be imposed upon recipients by The Achievement Foundation. However, recipients are required to notify Junior Achievement USA of any change of address, school enrollment, or other pertinent information. Recipients are solely responsible for making admission arrangements and fulfilling requirements of enrolling in a full-time course of study at an accredited four-year college or university.

Recipients must enter college as full-time students in the fall term following selection, remain in good academic standing, and pursue a course of study leading to a degree.

**DEADLINE FEBRUARY 1, 2012**

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## Application Form

(May be duplicated.)

Please print or type all information

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number/Street

City State Zip Code

Area Code Home Phone Social Security

Junior Achievement Area Office – City, State JA Area Chief Staff Officer

### High School Data

Name of School	Location (city and state)	Dates of Attendance	Year Graduated

Cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale) \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ (must secure an official transcript)

### College Data

List all colleges to which you are applying: \_\_\_\_\_

What major will you declare? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to attend graduate or professional school after college? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your future plans regarding a career? \_\_\_\_\_

### JA Experience

Which Junior Achievement programs were you involved in?

	Grade(s) level participated	Offices held (if applicable)	Company name (if applicable)	Sponsoring business firm
<i>JA Company Program</i>				
<i>JA Economics</i>				
Other				

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### Extracurricular Activities

Attach extra sheet(s) of paper if space provided is insufficient. Questions relating to activities and work refer only to the last four years.

Activity or Type of Work	Years	Hours per week/Recognition

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### Financial Data

Data must come from the most recent IRS tax form filed by parent(s) or guardian(s) who claim the applicant as a dependent.

Adjusted gross income \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members who will attend college in fall of 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of exemptions claimed on IRS form 1040/1040A/1040EZ \_\_\_\_\_

Unusual circumstances \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Financial need is one key criterion for the awarding of this scholarship.

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### Application Checklist

This application becomes valid only when you have submitted ALL of the following items in ONE envelope.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Application Form    | <input type="checkbox"/> Three Letters of Recommendation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Essay      | <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of IRS Form                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Official Transcript | <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of SAT/ACT Scores          |

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### Certification

We acknowledge that we have read the eligibility requirements in the application. All the information in support of this application is true and complete. If requested, we will submit proof of same. Failure to do so shall invalidate this application and shall result in termination of scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant  
(Must be Signed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature of Parent or Guardian  
(Must be Signed)

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Date

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### Important Reminder to Applicants

This application becomes valid **only** when all items on the above checklist are provided in **one** envelope and are submitted to:

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Colorado Springs, CO 80906

**POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2012**

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