

SNOW ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

2024-2025

Eligibility Requirements:

- Student must rank in the top third of the Senior Class (these students are notified by mail during the summer prior to the start of the student's senior year and can confirm eligibility with the Student Services Office if they are unsure of their eligibility)
- Student must not be a recipient of the Snow Community Service Scholarship, awarded during their tenth grade year.

****School approval must be granted prior to beginning a project.****

To begin a project and the application process, the student should schedule a meeting with the MSHS Principal, Mr. Fahnestock and the HS Counselor, Mrs. Gilligan. **This is the first step to apply and this meeting is to occur by December 31st. Seniors that do not do so by December 31st, have removed themselves for consideration of this scholarship opportunity.**

Application Requirements:

- Copies of Part I, Part II and Part III of the application packet must be completed and submitted to the Student Services Secretary, Ms. Gronosky by the stated due date in the timeline.
- Completed community service project (minimum of 25 hours)
- Completion of an interview with the selection committee (scheduled for May)

Additional Required Documents:

- Submission of an activity sheet or brag sheet demonstrating evidence of school activities and community service
- Three written letters of support (detailed within)
- Statement of financial need as demonstrated by a copy of a financial aid award letter from a college or university in which you plan to attend.
- Copy of your high school transcript (which will automatically be provided by the Student Services Office upon completion of your application)
- Submission of the JBS Academic Achievement Checklist (to be completed with your School Representative)

The project, application packet and all additional required documents must be completed and submitted to the Student Services Secretary, Ms. Gronosky, by Monday, April 21, 2025.

Reminders

1. **The bulk of this work is the planning, communication, and the organizing of the event or project to benefit the community.**
 - If due to unforeseen circumstances (pandemic; school cancelation, inclement weather, etc.), the planned and organized event is not as successful as projected or not able to occur; the applicant may still be eligible for consideration for the award. In such a situation, the work one does - planning, communicating, and organizing an event or project - qualifies the applicant to interview and remain eligible for the scholarship opportunity.
2. **The senior student will be working with advisors for the Community Service Project.**
 - The senior applicant IS the person responsible for organizing and developing the project.
 - The project advisor is the representative from the organization with whom the senior is working, AND the School Representative is the school staff member overseeing the project.
3. **It is recommended that applicants contact persons for letters of support by January.**
 - Please understand that school personnel may be serving on the Snow Selection committee, so a staff member may decline to write a letter of recommendation due to a conflict of interest.
4. The MSHS Principal and HS Counselor's roles are to oversee the scholarship application process, ensure that each candidate receives the same information & support, and assure the process is fair/equitable for applicants.

NOTE: As part of the selection process, the BOE appointed selection committee members may review the applicants' high school records, which may include the students' academic, discipline, and attendance records.

PART I

Part I of the project involves the candidate and the candidate's parent/guardian completing the required paperwork. Part I should be completed during the first meeting with the MSHS Principal, Mr. Fahnestock and the HS Counselor, Mrs. Gilligan and turned into the Student Services Secretary, Ms. Gronosky after the meeting.

Applicant Name:

Last

First

Address

Parent / Guardian Information 1:

Name

Last

First

Address

Business or Occupation

Employer

Business Address

Business Phone

PART I

Parent / Guardian Information 2:

Name

Last

First

Address

Business or Occupation

Employer

Business Address

Business Phone

Please list the colleges to which you have applied.

What is your intended college major?

What school is your top choice to attend?

PART I

Certification Page

I, _____, agree that if selected to receive a Snow Academic Achievement Scholarship, I will apply the award exclusively towards my post-secondary education. I understand that I must remain in good academic standing at the post-secondary school of my choice. I will submit to the Superintendent of Schools evidence of my good academic standing each semester that I am eligible to receive the award.

- The student and parent/guardian understand that submitting this application does not automatically earn the applicant a scholarship.
- All applications will be reviewed impartially.
- Recipients will be selected by the Snow Scholarship Committee at Pulaski High School based on the criteria outlined in the application and interview process.
- If the student applicant is awarded the scholarship, the student and parents / guardians understand that disbursement of the scholarship award is provided in increments over the course of the four-year college enrollment period. The amount of \$4000 is paid during the first two years of college (\$1000 per semester), and the amount of \$6000 is paid during the third and fourth years of college (\$1500 per semester). More information will be forthcoming to the student recipients re. how scholarship payment is rendered from the Pulaski Academy and Central School District Office.

NOTE: As part of the selection process, the BOE appointed selection committee members may review the applicants' high school records, which may include the students' academic, discipline, and attendance records. By signing, you agree to grant permission for the review of records as part of the selection process.

Applicant's Name Printed: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: ___/___/___

Parent/Guardian's Name Printed: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: ___/___/___

PART II

Project Planning Page

- Identify a civic issue (problem or need) facing you, your school, or your community.

- Why is this a civic issue (problem or need) in the community? Why is it important to you?

- Analyze the civic issue (problem or need):

- How will you educate your community about this issue?

- How will you take civic action about this issue? Think and come up with alternative solutions to possibly implement.

- Design a solution for the problem or need identified

- Implement and execute a solution for the problem or need identified which includes an educational component about your selected issue.

- Take informed action to address the issue identified. (Put the plan into action. This may or may not involve fund raising.)

PART III

IMPORTANT: As the candidate proceeds with the service project, be sure to:

- Share any updated project plans with the MSHS Principal, Mr. Fahnestock and the HS Counselor, Mrs. Gilligan or his or her designee.
- Inform the MSHS Principal, Mr. Fahnestock and the HS Counselor, Mrs. Gilligan of any conflicts, problems or issues in order to get help/support.
- Obtain the approval from the school and community organization for any significant project changes.
- The project must be implemented prior to the date of the candidates' interviews in May.

What is the title of your project?

Please provide the name of the adult representative from the organization for whom the project is to be completed and the contact information – phone # and e-mail for the person / agency if known. This representative is your Project Advisor.

Name _____

Phone # or Email _____

Date of Initial Contact ___/___/___

The project was discussed/communicated with the above representative(s) from the organization/group on

Date ___/___/___

Time Log: As you work, keep a record of the time spent on the project: ie. planning, communication, organizing, carrying out the work, etc. Log that information in the chart. Round up by five-minute increments.

[A minimum of 25 hours is required.]

Time Spent Planning Project	Time Marketing & Communicating	Time Spent Working on Project	Other Dates & Times & Hours of Work	Total Hours
Date and # of hours	Date and # of hours	Date and # of hours		

*Total number of hours worked on this project: _____

Start date of project was _____ End date of project was _____

Student/Applicant’s Signature _____

JBS Academic Achievement Scholarship Checklist

*This form must be filled out **with your School Representative** and turned in at the conclusion of your project.*

- Part I of the application completed.
- Part II of the application completed.
- Part III of the application completed.
- Completed community service project [minimum of 25 hours]
- Activity sheet or brag sheet, demonstrating evidence of school and community service.
- Copy of a financial aid award letter from a college or university which you plan on attending.
- Three Written Statements/Letters of support: (Please do not have family members write letters of support.)
 - One statement written by the candidate that reflects on an extracurricular activity or hobby about which he or she is passionate. The statement should explain how the experience has affected the candidate and the growth realized from that experience.
 - One letter from a person that can attest to the student's academics, work ethic, and good character.
 - One letter from a community member or the community service project advisor attesting to the student's community service work, project, and leadership.
- High School Transcript (which will automatically be provided by the Student Services Office upon completion of your application).

Application to be turned into Ms. Gronosky in the Student Services Office by April 21, 2025.

Verification signatures that the application is complete and all documents are included before submission:

Student Signature

Date

School Representative Signature

Date