

# JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL

## A+ Scholarship Application Form

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\_\_\_\_\_ I **WISH** to participate in the A+ Schools Program at Jackson High School.

\_\_\_\_\_ I **DO NOT** wish to participate in the A+ Schools Program at Jackson High School.

**If state funds are available** and Jackson High School maintains its status as a designated A+ School prior to my graduation, I will receive reimbursement for the college expenses determined by the Missouri General Assembly while attending a Missouri public community college or public career/technical school on a full-time basis. This reimbursement will be for the unpaid balance **after federal post-secondary financial assistance funds** (that do not require repayment) have been applied. It will be available for up to two (2) years of attendance during the four-year period after my graduation from high school. This is on the condition that I meet the following requirements:

1. Attend an A+ designated high school for any **two** (2) years prior to high school graduation.
2. Graduated with a 2.5 grade point average or higher on a four 4.0 point scale (non-weighted) or a 6.875 GPA on an 11.0 point scale (non-weighted).
3. Have at least a 95 percent average attendance record for the four-year period.
4. Graduate with (50) documented hours of unpaid tutoring of younger students in approved settings in the Jackson School District of which up to 25% may include job shadowing.
5. Maintain a record of **good citizenship** and avoid the unlawful use of drugs and alcohol as defined by the Jackson High School A+ Schools Program Citizenship Guidelines grades 9-12.
6. Make a documented good faith effort to **secure federal post-secondary student financial assistance** funds during the last semester of the senior year so as to obtain the A+ financial incentive.
7. Apply for Selective Service, if applicable.
8. Achieved a score of **proficient** or **advanced** on the Algebra I end of course exam. (other options available)
9. Be a citizen of the United States of America.

*To maintain eligibility after high school graduation, I understand that I must meet the following requirements:*

1. Enroll and attend on a full-time basis a Missouri public community college or public career/technical school.
2. Maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
A+ Coordinator Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*\*The financial incentives of the A+ Schools Program are dependent upon state appropriations from the Missouri General Assembly. They are not the funding responsibility of the Jackson R-2 School District.*

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PLEASE **PRINT** THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended another school other than JHS during grades 9-12?      Yes    No

If yes, what School \_\_\_\_\_

**Back Must Be Signed**

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## Citizenship Guidelines

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An important component of the A+ Schools Program is the fostering of good citizenship in our district's students. Students participating in the A+ Schools Program must maintain a record of good citizenship to qualify for post-secondary financial incentives. Good citizenship is demonstrated by respect for school, self, and community. Any student who participates in the A+ Schools Program must be a creditable citizen and be judged so by the proper school authority certifying the list of students for participation.

A student whose character or conduct reflects credit upon himself/herself and/or his/her school is considered a credible citizen and is therefore eligible to participate in the A+ Schools Program. His/her conduct shall be satisfactory in accordance with the standards of good discipline. Students who participate in the A+ Schools Program should remember the rewards of the Student Financial Incentive, and the individual discipline and responsibilities that come with it. The rewards are great: two years state-paid assistance, providing funding is available, for successful completion of a program to a post-secondary career/technical school or community college in the state of Missouri.

**The following criteria regarding the school's discipline policy will serve as a measurable indicator of respect for self, school, and good citizenship:**

1. Criminal activity—students who are convicted of a felony will not qualify.
2. Substance abuse—students shall not possess or use alcoholic beverages or controlled substances. Any violation (possession, use, manufacture, sale, or transportation) that results in Out of School Suspension or In School Suspension will result in loss of eligibility for the program.
3. Suspension—Students will lose eligibility for the program if they accumulate 15 days of suspension (In School or Out of School) during their high school career, grades 9-12, for offenses other than alcohol/drugs or violations of the Safe Schools Act.
4. Violations of the Safe Schools Act—students who are disciplined in accordance with the Safe Schools Act of 1996 will lose eligibility for the A+ Schools Program. These violations include, but are not limited to assault, weapons possession, and drug distribution.

### **Citizenship Appeals Process**

The following process may be used by students/parents to appeal a disciplinary decision that may affect the student's A+ qualification:

1. Students/parents have ten (10) days from the date of notification of disqualification to appeal a decision that is made dealing with discipline or probation. Anyone making an appeal should use the *A+ Appeal of Citizenship Form* available from the A+ Schools Coordinator.
2. The basis of the appeal must be submitted in writing through the office of the A+ Schools Coordinator. The students/parents may make the appeal in writing or make a presentation before the A+ Citizenship Appeals Committee.
3. Upon receiving a written appeal or solicitation for presentation, the A+ coordinator will convene the A+ Citizenship Appeals Committee composed of the principal, an assistant principal, the student's counselor, a member of the Partnership Advisory Committee, and the A+ coordinator (as a facilitator, non-voting member). After the A+ Citizenship Appeals Committee reaches a decision, the parents/guardian will be notified in writing. If the appeal decision is not acceptable to the parent/guardian, additional appeals must be made to the Superintendent or to his/her designee.

**We have received, studied, and understand the A+ Schools Program Citizenship Guidelines.**

**Students Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_