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Jackson Legacy Scholarship



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Congratulations!



Congratulations! You are a recipient of the Jackson Legacy Scholarship. As a Legacy Scholar you are a representative of the Jackson Community Foundation. This handbook is for your reference.

While we strive to support you through your academic career, it is your responsibility to ensure your success. We are here to help you. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, 517-787-1321.

This program is supported by hundreds of private donors. Scholarships are awarded based upon fund availability.

Volunteer Tips

Where can I volunteer?

You may volunteer at a charitable organization. This includes local nonprofits, churches, and government offices (schools).

How do I decide where to volunteer?

The College Access Center will assist you in finding a volunteer opportunity. There are a variety of charitable organizations to choose from and many of these organizations contact us regularly for Legacy Scholar volunteers.

- Start early...Your volunteer service hours are divided into two semesters.
- All nonprofit organizations, schools and churches are appropriate volunteer sites. You can contact the College Access Center to be certain they qualify.
- Volunteer with a purpose... Seek opportunities that interest you and can provide excellent skill building opportunities.
- You are an ambassador....As a Legacy Scholar you represent the Jackson Community Foundation. Be courteous and responsible.
- Volunteer Tracking Forms...Turn in your log as soon as you complete your hours. **DUE DATES: December 1st** (40 hrs minimum) and **May 1st** (balance to complete 80 hrs).
- Questions?...Contact the College Access Center at 517-990-0671.

For a directory of local charitable nonprofit agencies,
please contact



(517) 796-4750
N. Jackson St.
Jackson, MI 49201

Student Success

Your success in college is important to us. You need to be proactive in seeking support. Here are some resources to assist you with your success:

- Visit the College Access Center. Services available include Career Planning, Student Success Resources, Financial Aid and Scholarship support. It's located in the Sears Wing of the Jackson Crossing Mall (517) 990-0671.



- Keep in contact with your instructors. They have office hours and are usually available via email. Make an appointment if you have questions or concerns about an assignment or your progress in general.
- Get familiar with campus, there are many resources available to you, but you have to seek them out!
- Each campus offers a variety of services. You should meet with your academic advisor to find out more about your school at:
 - www.jccmi.edu
 - www.baker.edu
 - www.arbor.edu

Jessica learned about The Legacy Program in her senior transitions class at Northwest. Although she had planned to attend college, receiving the Legacy Scholarship money was a huge boost to her goal of learning a skill that will support her as she pursues further education.

“Legacy money helped a lot,” she said. “Even though I had other scholarships, Legacy covered so many college expenses. I’ll finish this \$8,000 program with practically no debt and can go to work immediately.”

Academic Environment

Your academic environment will vary depending on the school you choose to attend. Each campus hosts a variety of student life activities and networking opportunities. When on campus check out the cultural, leadership, and extracurricular activities available. Here are some tips so that you can make the most of your college experience:

- Locate your school's resource center.
- Manage your time effectively. Each credit hour you take equals 3 hours of commitment per week. Therefore, taking 12 credits, requires 36 hours per week of your time. Consider this when scheduling your other activities. Include study time into your weekly schedule.
- Go to class. Stay in contact with instructors and classmates. Get phone numbers and email addresses.
- Save all class materials until you get your grade!
- Always ask questions if you are unsure.



Learning Support Services
(517) 788-7800



serious possibilities

The Center for Student Success
(517) 796-8415



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Academic Student Connections
800-968-9103

Character

The Jackson Community Foundation trusts you to represent the honor of being a recipient of the Jackson Legacy Scholarship. You are an ambassador!

Responsibility

Scholarship funds are donated by various sources including individual donors, families, businesses, and nonprofit organizations. As donors, these community members have made a serious commitment to your educational future. As a recipient, you are expected to be a role model for your community and the Jackson Community Foundation (JCF). Disciplinary or academic dismissal from your institution will result in forfeiture of any remaining scholarship and the student is obligated to pay expenses outstanding at the time of dismissal.

Volunteerism

A key element of the Jackson Legacy Scholarship is your obligation to complete 80 hours of verified nonprofit community service. This provides you with an opportunity to 'give back' to your community while exposing you to a variety of community building activity.

Commitment

You will face many challenges and triumphs in your college career. Making good, responsible choices will keep you on course. Seeking help when needed is an important responsibility you have. The Jackson Community Foundation, the College Access Center, and your college are committed to supporting you on this journey.

*We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give.*

-Winston S. Churchill

Contacts and FAQ's

When do I contact the Jackson College Access Center (517-990-0671)?

- You full-time status is in jeopardy (12 credits)
- You are worried that you may not get at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA
- You have a question about your volunteer placement
- You are feeling overwhelmed with college and the pressure of success
- You are wondering when to re-apply

When do I contact the Jackson Community Foundation (517-787-1321)?

- You fall below full-time status (12 credits)
- You transfer to another participating college of the Jackson Legacy Program (funds are transferrable)
- You transfer to a college outside of Jackson County (funds are **not** transferrable).
- You are wondering when to re-apply

FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions):

Can I use the scholarship for summer classes?

No, the scholarship is applied to the academic school year (Aug-May).

Can I take a semester off and use the scholarship when I return?

No, consecutive full-time status is required.

If I have extenuating circumstances, can I lower my credit hours or volunteer requirements?

Yes, on a case by case situation, and with proper documented recommendations, we can make accommodations for students. Be sure to inquire.

Can I complete my community service requirement during the summer?

Yes, we encourage students to manage their time to accommodate their schedules. Completing service hours early is fine; however, you must meet the minimum requirement of 40 hours by December 1st.

Scholarship Application & Renewal

The Jackson Legacy Scholarship application is available on-line at <http://jacksonlegacy.egrant.net/>

Student awards will be notified via the Jacksoncf.org website.

Scholarship Renewal

To remain eligible, students **must re-apply** for consecutive year funding by submitting a new Jackson Legacy program application package, which includes:



1. Jackson Legacy Program Scholarship Application
2. Proof that you have applied for Federal Student Aid is required. Acceptable proof documents include the FAFSA Confirmation page, a Student Aid Report, or a Processing Summary page. **Your application will not be eligible without this information.** Do not hesitate to contact the Jackson Community Foundation (517-787-1321) with questions.
3. Current Academic Transcript

The complete application package and required documents must be delivered to the Jackson Community Foundation office by 5:00 pm on March 1 (if this date falls on a weekend or holiday, then the due date will be the first business day following the weekend or holiday).

Awards are contingent upon fund availability.

Jackson College Access Center

Jackson College Access Center

The Jackson Community Foundation believes in you and your success. One of the supports that we have put in place for you is the College Access Center which operates in the Jackson Crossing Mall. You can visit the College Access Center during their hours of operation (For hours call 517-990-0671). We are here to help with:

- Scholarship searches
- Assistance with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and other financial aid programs
- Assistance with college planning: applications, visits, degree programs, etc.
- Career counseling

The College Access Center is partially funded through the three local institutions of higher education:

Baker College of Jackson

Jackson Community College

Spring Arbor University



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Important Dates!
Dec 1st-DUE-Volunteer Tracking Form I
March 1st- Scholarship Deadline
May 1st-DUE-Volunteer Tracking II