Housing Authority of Joliet

Mark Jakielski's Memorial Scholarship Program

Application Submission Materials
Fall 2019 Semester

In Loving Memory

Mark was born July 31, 1964 in Joliet. Graduate of Joliet Catholic High School Class of 1982 and graduate of Iowa State University Class of 1989. Mark was the COO and Director of Housing Management for the Housing Authority of Joliet since 1989.

Mark enjoyed playing golf and was a Walt Disney enthusiast. He was an advocate for animal rescue.

Mark had a passion for helping others, especially the seniors of Joliet. He revived the Housing Authority Scholarship Program because he believed scholarships provide an opportunity for many of the clients we serve to earn a higher education, which may lead to self-sufficiency.

Mark Jakielski

7/31/1964 – 5/29/2019

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The Housing Authority of Joliet announces plans to award multiple academic scholarships ranging from $500 to $1,250 based on an eligible applicant's financial need and academic merit. Scholarships are being made available for new or continued enrollment in an accredited post-secondary educational institution, vocational, trade, technical, barber, beauty, or cosmetology school for the Fall 2019 semester.

At the time of scholarship application submission and at the time of scholarship award, a recipient must be a legally authorized household member with the Housing Authority of Joliet's Public Housing Program or Housing Choice Voucher Program.

All awarded academic scholarships will be made available for the Fall 2019 semester. If an award recipient elects to continue studies in a subsequent semester, he/she is encouraged to reapply to receive sustained financial support when that funding opportunity is announced.

Scholarship program applications will be available beginning Friday, August 02, 2019 and must be returned to the Housing Authority of Joliet by close of business at 4:30 pm on Friday, August 23, 2019. **This includes all required attachments, transcripts, reference letters, personal essays, etc**. Any application or partial application that is received after this date and time will be considered late and will not be processed by the Housing Authority. Scholarship program applications may be obtained at:

1. The Housing Authority of Joliet's Main Office located at 6 South Broadway Street, Joliet, Illinois 60436;
2. Any Public Housing Program housing development; and
3. The Housing Authority of Joliet's website: www.hajoliet.org.

No scholarship program applications will be mailed out or faxed to interested parties.

All materials submitted to the Housing Authority of Joliet for this scholarship program become the property of the Housing Authority of Joliet and will not be returned to applicants.

PLEASE READ EACH QUESTION CAREFULLY!

All documents must be legible and submitted in English.

No handwritten applications will be accepted.

No faxed information will be accepted.

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You must attach this page to the scholarship application.

Initial Program Eligibility Checklist

Please complete this initial eligibility checklist.

1. At the time of scholarship application submission, a recipient must be a legally authorized household member with the Housing Authority of Joliet's Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher Program.

☐ I am a legally authorized household member with the Housing Authority of Joliet.

☐ I **AM NOT** a legally authorized household member with the Housing Authority of Joliet.

Note: If you are not a legally authorized household member with the Housing Authority of Joliet, you are ineligible to apply for this academic scholarship program opportunity.

2. At the time of scholarship application submission, a recipient must be one of the following (select one):

☐ I am a high school graduate.

☐ I am enrolled in or I am a continuing undergraduate or graduate student in college.

☐ I am enrolled in or I am a continuing vocational, trade, barber, beauty or cosmetology student.

☐ I am an adult enrolling in college.

Note: If you do not qualify within one of the selected categories cited above, you are ineligible to apply for this academic scholarship program opportunity.

3. At the time of scholarship application submission, a recipient must have maintained at least a 2.00 (C grade or better) cumulative grade point average on his/her official certified transcript from the last educational institution attended.

☐ I have maintained a 2.00 cumulative grade point average (C grade or better).

Note: If you **HAVE NOT MAINTAINED** the minimum cumulative grade point average, you are ineligible to apply for this scholarship program opportunity.

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Scholarship Application

(Please do not fold or staple documents to this application)

Directions

If you have successfully passed the Initial Program Eligibility Check List located on the prior page, please complete and submit this program application to:

Housing Authority of Joliet
6 South Broadway Street
Joliet, Illinois 60436

Attn: Mark Jakielski's Memorial Scholarship Program - Fall 2019 Semester

All documents must be submitted in printed format, legible and submitted in English.

Applicant Full Name _____

Applicant Address _____

City State Zip Code _____

Area Code and Telephone Number _____

Cell Telephone Number _____

Applicant's Email Address _____

Applicant's Social Security Number _____

High School Name _____

High School Graduation Date _____

College/University/School Name _____

Identified Academic Major _____

Undergraduate Level (circle one, if applicable) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Identified Academic Major _____

Undergraduate Graduation Date (if applicable) _____

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To which universities, colleges or schools have you applied?

To which universities, colleges or schools have you been accepted?

Summarize your academic achievements (i.e., other scholarship awards, recognition or academic awards, etc.)

List any extracurricular activities in which you are currently participating (i.e., clubs, teams, hobbies, etc.)

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Indicate the community activities in which you are currently participating (i.e., church, community service, etc.)

Indicate extracurricular and community activities in which you have participated in the past.

Indicate any jobs which you are currently holding or have held in the past and the reason for leaving.

Please review the Requirement Checklist located on page 6 of this application package. **Make sure that all items are either attached or are in the process of being mailed in prior to the deadline date and time listed on page 1 of this application package.**

It is the applicant's individual responsibility to ensure that all required documentation is submitted and received on time.

Submitting an incomplete application or not providing all required application materials by the application deadline date and time will eliminate an individual from competition and the application will not be processed by the Housing Authority.

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I certify that all information submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that the application is complete and contains all items from the "Requirement Checklist."

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Applicant Signature Date

Thank you and good luck.

Requirement Checklist

1. Have you completed the Scholarship Application located on pages 3 through 7? Include these pages with your submission.

2. Have you attached a completed a "Grade Point Average Verification Form" located on page 8 from the last educational institution attended and is it signed by your Academic Counselor? Include this page with your submission.

3. Have you provided an official certified transcript from the last educational institution you attended? Include this transcript with your submission.

4. Have you obtained a letter of recommendation from (1) a Guidance/Academic Counselor and (2) a non-family member? Include both letters of recommendation with your submission.

5. Have you submitted a typewritten 350 to 500 personal word essay in English addressing the topic of: Where do you see yourself 10 years from now? Include this essay with your submission.

If you answered YES to all six (6) of the above questions, your Mark Jakielski's Memorial Academic Scholarship Program application is now ready for submission. Please submit this completed program application to:

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Joliet, Illinois 60436

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Grade Point Average Verification Form

This form must be submitted by your advisor, counselor, dean or other college professional.

Academic Counselor Name _____

Telephone Number of Counselor _____ Extension _____

Educational Institution Name _____

Educational Institution Address _____

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Student's Grade Point Average _____

Type of grading scale used by school (i.e. 4 point, 5 point, 100 point, etc.) _____

I certify that all information submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

_____ _____

Academic Counselor's Signature ***Date***

Note: A student's official certified transcript must accompany this document as verification of the grade point average. **Do not white-out, black-out, or alter any information on the transcript document or it will be considered invalid**.