

UNITED STATES JCI SENATE FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Timeline and General Information for State Chairs

THE SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR SHOULD BE A DEPENDABLE AND COMMITTED PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN GIVING THE STUDENTS IN YOUR STATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR THE U.S. JCI SENATE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS.

- Sept 15, 2026 Scholarship application information will go live and be available via the website: www.usjcisenate.org. Each state should be using the official U.S. JCI Senate Foundation application forms for both the university and vocational applications.
- Sept – Nov 2026 As the chairperson decide how you will distribute the applications throughout your state. Some suggestions include: find the names and email addresses of your state's high schools either on the state Board of Education website, or by calling a local high school to find complete statewide information. The State Board of Education, the individual County Boards of Education, and/or high school guidance counselors may be helpful in giving you direction to contact schools and guidance counselors. The Department of Education/Board of Education in each state may vary regarding how helpful they will be.
- Jan 2027 Completed applications should be arriving to the state chair/contact person. The application should be postmarked by **January 12, 2027**. This will give you four - five weeks to judge your entries. (Remember, the US Post Office no longer postmarks at all locations; so it may not be stamped the day it was mailed. That January 12th postmark date is not carved in stone.)
- Jan – Feb 2027 Set a place and time and recruit a judging team. Gather all the completed applications and use the enclosed Judging Sheet supplied in the "*Senate Use Only*" section to select two (2) finalists for the university scholarships and one (1) finalist for the vocational/technical/trade award to forward for national judging from all the applications submitted.
- Your statewide judging must be completed in time for you to send your final entries by the deadline of February 17, 2027.
- Feb 17, 2027** Mail the complete applications of your two (2) university finalists and one (1) vocational/technical/trade finalist to the National Scholarship Chairperson: **Nancy Salopek, 46 Longvue Circle, Ambridge, PA 15003.**

No electronic submissions will be accepted. PAPER ONLY.

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- March 2027 If your State Senate or Foundation give any scholarships, notification letters or emails should be sent to the student and their school if they are scholarship recipients. All students whose applications were forwarded to the US JCI Senate Foundation for judging on the national level should be notified of this next step.
- Send notices to ALL APPLICANTS who were not selected on the state level to be forwarded for national level judging.** It is important to let each applicant know if their application was not chosen and was not forwarded for national judging. An email to let them know they were not selected will prevent them from wondering what is going on and give them closure.
- April - May 2027 Upon completion of the national level of judging, President Wayne Kiefer of the U.S. JCI Senate Foundation, will notify the recipients that they will be awarded a \$1000 or \$1,500 vocational or a university scholarship of either \$1500 or \$2000 for their education.
- As the National Scholarship Chair I will notify the U.S. JCI Senate Executive Board, State Scholarship Chairs, the Region NVPs, and the Foundation Board members and Trustees of the recipients.
- I will notify those students who were submitted from the states for national level judging and were not selected to be one of our scholarship recipients.
- June 2027 The list of recipients will be published in the MENTORS.

Provide any updates or changes to the state chair's contact information to Nancy.

All questions and state submissions, with a limit of two (2) per state for university and a limit of one (1) vocational/technical/trade scholarship, should be directed to Nancy Salopek.

Please do not send more than the specified number of applications. As chairman, it is your responsibility to make the final decision who should be submitted and judged on the national level.

**Mail the applications for National Judging to:
Nancy Salopek
46 Longvue Circle
Ambridge, PA 15003**

scholarship@usjcisenate.org OR nmsalo@yahoo.com
412-860-9795

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