

JOHN J WRIGHT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2025

John J. Wright was the founder of the John J. Wright School in Snell, Virginia. Education was his greatest love. The scholarship fund, established in 1994, is intended to continue his efforts on behalf of (1) the children of John J. Wright Alumni, and (2) other African American children of Spotsylvania, Virginia.

The John J. Wright Memorial Scholarship Program is accepting applications from:

- 1) high school students who will graduate spring 2025 and who are planning to attend a technical school, community college, or a four-year college or university in fall 2025 on a full-time basis (“high school applicants”)
- 2) persons who have graduated from high school and who are planning to attend a technical school, community college, or a four-year college or university in fall 2025 as a full-time student (“first time applicants”); and
- 3) full-time students who are planning to return to a technical school, community college, or a four-year college or university in fall 2025 as a full-time student (“returning student applicants”).

Full time returning students maintaining a 2.5 grade point average (GPA) on a four-point grading scale and meeting all other eligibility criteria, may apply for a stipend of up to \$2,000.00.

Applicants can receive a scholarship and/or stipend no more than four (4) times.

**Applicant must be an “active financial member” or the offspring of an “active financial member” of the JJWAA to qualify. See eligibility requirements next page.**

The complete application package must be submitted to the scholarship committee no later than **April 30, 2025**, and contain the following:

- 1) High school applicant package checklist:
  - a completed scholarship application form
  - an official, sealed, high school transcript that includes the cumulative GPA
  - two (2) recommendations (one from a teacher and one from an official of one of the following: current school, community organization, church, or employer)
  - a written essay
  - small photo
- 2) First time applicant package checklist:
  - a completed scholarship application form
  - an official, sealed, high school or college transcript that includes the cumulative GPA
  - two (2) recommendations (from an official of one or more of the following: current school, community organization, church, or employer)
  - a written essay
  - small photo
- 3) Returning student applicant package checklist:
  - a completed scholarship application form
  - a one-page essay on community service conducted within the last 12 months
  - an official sealed college transcript that includes the cumulative GPA

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**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Applicant must be an “active financial member” of the John J. Wright Alumni Association, or the offspring of an “active financial member” of the Alumni Association (offspring may be a biological, step, adopted or foster child or a grandchild). The member, upon whom the applicant is basing their eligibility, must be an “active financial” and “current year 2025” member of the Alumni Association AND a member for at least two consecutive years prior to the year of application (2023 and 2024). Membership dues must be paid by April 15 of the current year.
- High School applicants must be graduating from an accredited secondary educational institution. All other applicants must have graduated from an accredited secondary educational institution.
- Returning student applicants must be full-time students returning to a technical school, community college, or four-year college or university.
- High School applicants and first-time applicants must have applied for admission to at least one accredited technical school, community college, or four-year college or university.
- High School applicants and first-time applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. Returning student applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- All high school and first-time applicants must provide two (2) recommendations from an official of one or more of the following: current school, community organization, church, or employer. One (1) of the two recommendations must be from a high school teacher if applicant is in high school.
- A small high school picture and a brief bio narrative for high school and first-time applicants are required. The bio can be included on the application form.
- A personal interview, consisting of an oral presentation of the applicant's essay and a question/response period, may be required.
- A sealed official transcript must be provided to the Scholarship Committee with the applicant package.
- Applicant must provide proof they are enrolled in school for the fall semester before receipt of scholarship/stipend.
- Applicant must agree to return any scholarship award if applicant does not attend an educational institution or technical school in fall 2025.

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**APPLICATION ESSAY**

**All graduating high school applicants** and first-time applicants must submit a double spaced, typewritten essay, 300 to 500 words in length, on one of the following topics:

- 1) "My chosen field of study is ...because..."
- 2) "My community, church or family has influenced me by..."
- 3) "It is important for me to attend college or technical training because

**All returning students** must submit a double spaced, typewritten essay, one page in length, on the following topic:

"It is important for me to do community service so I (**did what?**) over the last year in my community, church, school, etc, to....."

**Failure** to address one of the specified topics disqualifies the essay and the application from consideration for a scholarship award.

**For information contact:**

Scholarship Review Team

P.O. Box 1061  
Spotsylvania VA 22553-1061

Email: Johnjwrightalumni@hotmail.com  
Subject: JJWAA Scholarship/Stipend

**Applicants will be sent notification of the status of their application via email by June 3**

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Name of "active financial" member whom the applicant is basing his/her eligibility: \_\_\_\_\_

Were member's dues paid in 2023, 2024 and 2025?  Yes  No

**Note, if dues are not paid, you are not eligible.**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

**CHECK ONE BOX:** High School Applicant  First-time Applicant  Returning Student

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/ Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Current School where enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

(Expected) Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

School Principal/ Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Bio in paragraph form to include school, community, church or organizational activities and honors, awards and other achievements (required for all applicants):

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Name and Location of Institution Applicant plans to attend in Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Received a letter of acceptance? Yes  No

If Yes, Name of Institution(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Other Institutions where Applications are Pending: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Field of Study (if known) : \_\_\_\_\_

**I promise to return any scholarship funds awarded to me in the event that I do not enroll or attend an educational or training institution in the Fall 2025.**

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION PACKAGES MUST BE MAILED AND POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN April 30, 2025.**

**Application packages postmarked after April 30, 2025, WILL NOT be considered.**

Mail applications to:  
**SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW TEAM**  
John J. Wright Alumni Association,  
PO Box. 1061, Spotsylvania VA 22553-1061

**FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY:**

Application Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Receipt by Scholarship Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Essay Attached : Yes  No  Recommendations Received Yes  No

Transcript Received Yes  No  "Active Member" Yes  No

Picture Attached Yes  No