



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

J.A.M.E.S., INC. provides financial assistance to pregnant and parenting teen mothers who enter institutions of higher learning. We seek to make a positive impact on our recipients by enhancing their ability to conceive and achieve a vision of self-sufficiency for themselves and their children through positive educational achievements.

Scholarship applications become available in early November of each year, with a due date in May. Applications can be obtained through high school counselors or by written request to J.A.M.E.S., INC. P.O. Box 194 Owasso OK 74055.

Scholarship Guidelines:

Students' applications are screened by the organization's Selection Committee. Semifinalists are then asked to meet with the Directors and awards are made. There are no limitations regarding course of study. Scholars may attend any accredited university of their choice.

The organization maintains close contact with each Scholar to ensure acceptable academic performance and to develop a unique partnership aimed at success.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- * Documented financial need (a copy of parent's current tax return or proof of emancipation is required)
- * 2.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale
- * A well-defined motivation to pursue a higher education
- * Maturity essential to a demanding educational experience
- * A personal sense of values
- * Scholarship is limited to current high school seniors, who must apply in their senior year.

COMPLIANCE GUIDELINES:

- * Maintain a 3.0 grade point average each semester and maintain full-time enrollment status (12 credit hours)
- * Maintain high moral standards
- * Submit an official transcript of their grades each semester
- * Maintain regular contact with the organization
- * Submit a written request for continued scholarship funding each year



THE SCHOLARSHIP:

J.A.M.E.S, INC. educational scholarship offers a per year renewable scholarship to graduating high school seniors seeking to continue their education and currently enrolled college students, whose children were born during their pre-college years, may also apply. The funds can be applied to tuition, books, fees or room and board. Applicants must be a U.S. resident. Students in the U.S. on a Student Visa are ineligible. Scholarship funding can be applied to any public or private 4-year university or college, or Tulsa Community College.

To renew a scholarship, students must submit a formal letter or request by April 1st, maintain a 3.0 grade point average, have full-time status, and provide an official college transcript each semester as verification of academic success. Additionally, students must maintain a high moral standard. Since awards are limited, deadlines are strongly enforced.

Applications are available by written request to our office, or by downloadable format from our website. Applications can also be found in the counselor's office of most Tulsa area high schools.

SELECTION: All applications are reviewed by a special selection committee and top candidates will be contacted for a personal interview with the Board of Directors. Those students selected as recipients will receive official notification by mail.

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants are carefully reviewed on the basis of a combination of several criteria:

- Documented financial need
- High School G.P.A. 2.5 or higher (un-weighted)
- ACT or SAT scores
- Acceptance to the college or university of choice
- Permanent residence within 30 miles of Tulsa
- A personal sense of values

For more information call J.A.M.E.S., INC. at 918-402-3547



Please read instructions carefully. Incomplete applications will not be considered and applicants will not be notified of missing documents.

1. Do not leave questions blank. Use N/A (not applicable) in the blank if question does not apply to you.
1. Typed answers are preferred. Print clearly using blue or black ink otherwise.
1. Please **do not staple** any items together.
1. If you download the application from the website, keep all pages in sequential order.
1. Please include zip codes with all addresses.
1. **Please submit an official transcript.** Transcripts should include grades for the first semester of the senior year and ACT or SAT scores.
1. See Page 1, Qualifications.
1. Legally emancipated minors must submit their own current year tax returns or written confirmation of benefits status from DHS and follow the guidelines stated above. **Proof of emancipation must be included.**
2. Proof of pregnancy or parental status.
1. Applications and all supporting paperwork can be mailed or delivered to the Foundation's physical address by the deadline, **May 15.** Mailed applications **MUST** be received in our office by the deadline. Address all information to:

J.A.M.E.S., INC.
P. O. BOX 194
Owasso, OK 74055

Application Checklist:

Place a check in the box, as each piece of information is included in the application. Return this sheet with your application.

	Required Information
	A Completed Application
	Proof of pregnancy or parental status
	750 Word Essay
	Reference Sheet: Letters of reference must include the applicant's name in the top right corner.
	**Official High School Transcript must include SAT or ACT Scores
	Copy of college acceptance letter(s)



CANDIDATE APPLICATION:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of birth _____ Social Security Number _____

Phone (home) _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____ Are you a U.S. Citizen? _____

Emergency Contact Person _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? ___ Explain _____

Education

High School Graduated from _____ Date of Graduation _____

OR

GED Recipient _____ Date of Completion _____

Please list any post-secondary training or college attended _____

Dates of attendance _____ Course of study _____

What are your current educational goals? _____

List activities, volunteer experience, church activities, community or school club membership's _____



FINANCIAL NEED:

Financial need is defined as an inability to pay for a substantial portion of college tuition because of basic financial challenges. However, each application will be individually reviewed and extraordinary family circumstances will be considered.

List all sources of financial revenue beginning with your current employment, grants, scholarships, loans, parental support, child support, etc. _____

List all forms of public assistance that you are currently utilized such as TANF, DHS Childcare Assistance, SoonerCare, SNAP Program, Housing Assistance, Social Security Supplemental Income, etc. _____

Family Information

Tell us about your child(ren):

Name	Gender	Age	School Name
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Relationship Status

Single _____ Married _____ Separated/Divorced _____

Living Together _____ Other, please explain _____

How many people live in your household? _____

What is your living situation? _____

Do you have your own transportation? _____

If not, what form of transportation do you use? _____

Are you willing to relocate to a college campus and live in family housing? _____



Essay:

We want to hear about your personal plans for the future. In a 750 word essay, please describe:

1. How you would like to use the scholarship award?
2. In what ways would the scholarship would increase your personal success?

If you have circumstances that warrant special attention, please explain in your essay. Please attach additional pages if necessary.



Provide three character references that are not members of your family and attach letters of recommendation from each. References may be teachers, clergy or employers.

1) Name_____

Address, City, State, Zip_____

Phone_____Occupation_____

2) Name_____

Address, City, State, Zip_____

Phone_____Occupation_____

3) Name_____

Address, City, State, Zip_____

Phone_____Occupation_____



Applicant Information Form

Note to Applicant: Completion of this form is voluntary on your part. Applicants are considered for this scholarship without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or ethnic origin. However, the information sought herein is to assist the Foundation with demographic record keeping relative to our applicant pool and will be kept in a confidential file separate from the scholarship application.

Name: _____

Sex: _____

Race:

African American _____

Asian/Pacific Islander _____

Caucasian _____

Hispanic _____

Native American _____ (Please provide a copy of your Tribal Roll Card)

Other: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____