

## Junior Achievement of Western PA Bishop David Zubik Scholarship

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9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade students attending a Catholic high school that have participated in a minimum of one volunteer-led, JA classroom program during the 2016-2017 academic year are eligible for the Bishop David Zubik Scholarship worth \$1,000.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> grade Catholic School students attending a school within the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Greensburg, Erie or Altoona/Johnstown.
- Students must be continuing their education at a Catholic high school within one of the dioceses listed.
- GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Students must meet the scholarship program requirements as set forth by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. **See Attached** or Visit [www.NewPA.com](http://www.NewPA.com) or [www.jawesternpa.org](http://www.jawesternpa.org) for more information.

### To Qualify, Students Must Submit:

- A completed application form
- A copy of student's transcripts or most recent report card
- One Teacher recommendation
- Signed verification form from school (principal, teacher or JA coordinator), proving that students have participated in at least one volunteer-led, JA classroom program during the 2014-2015 school year, and will complete that program by June 1, 2015.
- Applicants **MUST SUBMIT a 2016 Federal 1040 Form** for **every adult in their household** with their application in order to be eligible for the scholarship
- A **typed 350-400word** essay answering the question:

*How has attending a diocesan school and participating in Junior Achievement impacted your future, academically or professionally?*

Students must send the above information postmarked **no later than Friday, April 21, 2017** to:

**Scholarships**  
**Junior Achievement of Western PA**  
**5001 Centre Avenue, Floor 2**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15213**

No application materials will be accepted after the deadline. Winning students will be notified in May 2017. Junior Achievement is proud to be able to offer these scholarships to students in western Pennsylvania! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the JAWPA Education Department (contact below). Thank you for your continued cooperation and support!

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\*Due to the large number of applications we receive, we are unable to return any of your materials.

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### EITC Scholarship Income Guidelines

In accordance with the revised household income guidelines\* of the state of Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC), please find below updated information for any student applying for the **Bishop David Zubik Scholarship** through Junior Achievement.

*\*These are the same guidelines required by the Diocese for any other form of financial aid.*

### Updated EITC Guidelines:

As of April 18, 2016, to be eligible for scholarships, families of students must have an adjusted gross income of \$76,350 or less with an additional \$15,270 adjustment for each dependent living within the same household.

Number of Dependents	Maximum AGI
1	\$91,620
2	\$106,890
3	\$122,160

An eligible student is a school age student, including an eligible student with a disability, who is a resident of Pennsylvania, who is enrolled in a school located in this Commonwealth and who is a member of a household with an annual household income of not more than \$76,350, plus an additional income allowance of \$15,270 for the student or dependent (as defined by the IRS) living within the same household.

To be considered an eligible student with a disability, a student must meet the following criteria:

- (1) is either enrolled in a special education school or has otherwise been identified as a "child with a disability" as defined in Title 34 CFR §300.8;
- (2) need special education and related services;
- (3) is enrolled in a school and
- (4) is a member of a household that does not exceed the maximum annual household income.

"School age" ranges from the earliest admission age for a school's kindergarten program (or if the school has no kindergarten program, the earliest age at which the student may begin school), through the age attained upon graduation from secondary school or 21 years of age, whichever occurs first. With respect to an eligible student with a disability, multiply the sum of \$76,350 plus the allowance(s) of \$15,270 per student or dependent, by the support level factor of 1.50 if the student is not enrolled in a special education school or by the support level factor of 2.993 if the student is enrolled as a student in a special education school.

**A household includes an individual living alone or an individual living with the following:**

- a. a spouse, parent and their unemancipated minor children;
- b. other unemancipated minor children who are related by blood or marriage; or
- c. other adults or unemancipated minor children living in the household who are dependent upon the individual.

**To qualify, applicants must submit proof of income for all adults in their household where they are a dependent.**

**If you have any questions regarding the EITC Income Guidelines visit:**

[www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com) and search "scholarship" to find the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Document that provides all guidelines for scholarship applications.



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## Student Information

(Please print or type all information)

Title	First Name	Last Name	D.O.B. (mm/dd/yyyy)
<b>Mailing Address</b>			
Number/Street			
City	State	Zip Code	
( )			
Area Code	Home Phone	Social Security Number	Email Address

## School Information

Name of High School:	Diocese:
Current Grade Level:	
High School Address:	

**Application:** This application becomes valid only when you have submitted **ALL** the following items in **ONE** envelope.

### Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Application Form   | <input type="checkbox"/> Official Transcript or copy of current report card |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JA Program Verification (letter from school or JA volunteer) | <input type="checkbox"/> Verification of Income (Copy of IRS-Form 1040)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Recommendation                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Typed Personal Essay                               |

*\* Note: Applicants (and their families) that apply for this scholarship must meet the household income guidelines as stated by the PA Department of Community & Economic Development-Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program-EITC. ([www.NewPa.com](http://www.NewPa.com))*

## Certification

We acknowledge that we have read and understand the eligibility requirements. All the information furnished in support of this application is true and complete. If requested, we will submit proof of the same. Failure to do so shall invalidate this application and shall result in termination of scholarship.

Signature of Applicant (Must be signed)	Date	Signature of Guardian (Must be signed)	Date
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This application becomes valid when all items on the above checklist are provided in one envelope and are submitted to:

**Scholarships**  
**Junior Achievement of Western PA**  
**5001 Centre Avenue, Floor 2**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15213**

All Applications **Must Be Postmarked No Later Than Friday, April 21, 2017.** NO Exceptions.

**JA VERIFICATION FORM**



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**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**JA Coordinator Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(School Principal, Teacher, JA Coordinator, or JA Volunteer that can verify your participation)

**Coordinator Phone/Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please verify the above student's participation in any of the following JA programs.**  
Next to each program that the student had JA, write the date(s) they completed the program:

<b>Program Title</b>	<b>Participation Dates</b>
JA Be Entrepreneurial	_____
JA Banks In Action	_____
JA Business Ethics	_____
JA Career Success	_____
JA Careers in Energy	_____
JA Careers with a Purpose	_____
JA Company Program	_____
JA Economics	_____
JA Exploring Economics	_____
JA Personal Finance	_____
JA Success Skills	_____
JA Titan	_____
JA Volunteer Instructor	_____
Other: _____	_____
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**Verifying Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_



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**TEACHER RECOMMENDATION**  
(may be submitted on separate page if preferred)

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

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

Classes Taught: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_