

**The National Council of Meridianites, Inc.  
Jacquelyn Sweetner Caffey  
Scholarship Foundation**

**Procedure for Applicants: Note: Three (3) scholarships will be awarded to not more than (3) recipients in the amounts of \$5,000.00, \$3,000.00 and \$2,000.00 respectively per the judges' final decisions.**

1. The completed applications must be sent to the Scholarship Foundation Secretary electronically via email by May 15, 2025. *See Page 3 for the email address.*
2. Each applicant must have a copy of his transcript sent by the school to the Scholarship Foundation Secretary.
3. Each applicant should have a letter of recommendation from his high school professional staff, included with his portfolio by May 15, 2025.
4. The complete portfolio must be on file by May 15, 2025.
5. The application is active for only one year.

**Eligibility**

Each Candidate:

1. Must be a senior in high school, graduating before August 2025.
2. Must have a C+, that is, a 2.5 cumulative academic average or above (all through high school).
3. Must have a good attendance record.
4. Must have a positive attitude about school as determined by a high school professional staff person.
5. **Must write a 500–525-word essay on a subject selected by the committee.** The essay must be double-spaced and submitted electronically via email with the completed application.

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### **Maintenance Scholarship**

Scholarship recipients will also be eligible for a Maintenance Scholarship of \$500 upon the successful completion of their Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior years.

To qualify, recipients must meet the following requirements:

1. **Proof of Enrollment** – Submit verification of full-time enrollment (minimum 12 credit hours per semester) at an accredited college/university or trade school.
2. **Academic Performance** – Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 (C+) or higher. Must be verified by your college/university or trade school.
3. **Essay Submission** – Submit a 250–270-word essay by August 31 of each year, reflecting on how the NCM/JCS Scholarship has impacted your college/university or trade school journey.
4. **Annual Eligibility** – The Maintenance Scholarship cannot be deferred. If a recipient fails to meet the requirements for a given year, the scholarship will be forfeited.
5. **Submission** – All required documents must be sent to the Scholarship Foundation Secretary electronically via email by August 31 of each year for review.

This Maintenance Scholarship is designed to provide **ongoing financial support**, encouraging students to stay on track and excel throughout their academic or trade school journey.

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*Scholarship Foundation Secretary's email address:*

Alinda Rush Brown

**Email address:** ncm.jcsscholarship-foundation@gmail.com

SCHOOL OFFICIAL, please record the date the application is received, the student's cumulative average, your signature and title.	Date Received:
	Cumulative Average:
	School Official's Signature & Title:

**Please email the requested information to the secretary's email above.**

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**DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE – TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL OFFICIAL**

**THE NCM/JSC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION APPLICATION FORM**

This application must be completed and returned to the Scholarship Foundation Secretary electronically via email at the above email address by May 15, 2025.

Local Chapter Affiliation Name & Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ OR If None  
Check Here \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Telephone

High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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High School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Name of Guidance Counselor, Advisor or Principal \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION IN DETAIL**  
**(Attach Additional Pages, If Necessary)**

I believe the following information will be helpful to the committee in considering my application for financial aid.

Recent activities in church, religious groups, or clubs outside of school include:

My involvement in organizations, sports and projects connected with the school during the past year includes the following:

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Each applicant must have a copy of his/her transcript sent by the school to the Scholarship Foundation Secretary by May 15, 2025.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR TRADE SCHOOL THAT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

College, University, or Trade School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants' Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NCM/JSC Scholarship Foundation Essay Information**

Essay Topic: “Why the Supreme Court Members should or should not have term limits”

Year: **2025**

Scholarship Amounts: 1<sup>st</sup> Award \$5,000.00 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Award \$3,000.00 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Award \$2,000.00

The essay must be entitled: “Why the Supreme Court Members should or should not have term limits”

- The essay must be original, neither previously published nor secured by copyright.  
*Please Note: Plagiarism will disqualify you as a candidate.*
- The essay must be 500-525 words in length.
- The double-spaced essay must be submitted in a PDF format.
- The name and address of the applicant must appear on the first page immediately under the title in the following manner:

**NCM/JSC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY**

**Essay Topic: “Why the Supreme Court Members should or should not have term limits”**

An Essay By: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



*The manuscript must be submitted along with the completed application to the Scholarship Foundation Secretary electronically via email by May 15, 2025*

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### **Rules**

- The manuscript must present an adequate treatment of the essay topic.
- Applicants submitting manuscripts thereby grant to the NCM/JSC Scholarship Foundation Board the right to use the manuscript in promoting the scholarship.
- Applicants will be required to furnish written proof of enrollment in their respective high schools at the time the essays are submitted.
- The decision of the judges is final.
- The scholarship winner(s) will be notified by June 30, 2025.
- Each award will be submitted to the winner upon verification that the individual has enrolled in an institution of higher learning.
- The award must be claimed within 12 months after the announcement date to be valid.

## NCM/JSC Scholarship Foundation Essay Contest

**Please Note:** *The Essay Topic may not be used in any other JSC Scholarship Foundation essay contest.*

### Rating Criteria for Essay

**1. DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOPIC/THESIS**

Topic develops and covers major points, supplying enough information for understanding.

**2. PROGRESSION**

Composition progresses from beginning to end, in a logical flow of information.

**3. READABILITY**

Concise prose which sticks to the topic and does not ramble (holds reader's attention).

**4. GRAMMAR**

Agreement of subject and verb; proper tense; correct sentence construction; and paragraphing including transitional phrases linking same.

**5. SPELLING**

Use a standard dictionary to check spelling. Computer spelling and grammar checks may not be accurate.

**6. PUNCTUATION**

Use correct punctuation.