

**JOHN J WRIGHT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
2026 SCHOLARSHIP/STIPEND APPLICATION**

Mr. 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) descendants of John J. Wright Alumni, and (2) descendants of associate or honorary members of the John J. Wright Alumni Association

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

- 1. High school student applicants** who will graduate spring 2026 and who are planning to attend a technical school, community college, or a four-year college or university in fall 2026 on a full-time basis. (**may be eligible for a Scholarship**)
- 2. First time applicants** 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 2026 as a full-time student. (**may be eligible for a Stipend**)
- 3. Returning student applicants who** are planning to return to a technical school, community college, or a four-year college or university in fall 2026 as a full-time student. (**may be eligible for a Stipend**)

 **CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP:** Contact Renna Alsop Washington, JJWAA Membership Committee Chair, - 540-872-6130, rla2722@aol.com.
TO JOIN JJWAA: <https://www.ijwalumni.org/membership>

The complete application package must be submitted to the scholarship committee no later than **March 31, 2026**, 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
 - a brief bio in paragraph form
 - 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
 - a brief bio in paragraph form
 - 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 brief bio in paragraph form
 - a one-page essay on community service conducted within the last 12 months
 - an official sealed college transcript that includes the cumulative GPA

Applicants will be sent notification of the status of their application via email by April 30, 2026

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- **All applicants** 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 child, foster child, adopted child, grandchild, great grandchild)
- **The member**, upon whom the applicant is basing their eligibility, must be an “active financial member of the current year, 2026, **AND** a member for the prior year 2025). Membership dues must be paid by March 15 of the current year.
- **All applicants** must have graduated or be graduating from an accredited secondary educational institution.
- **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.
- **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.
- **All high school and first-time applicants** are required to submit a small high school picture and a brief bio narrative. The bio can be included on the application form.
- **Returning student applicants** must be full-time students returning to a technical school, community college, or four-year college or university **AND** have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- A personal interview, consisting of an oral presentation of the applicant’s essay and a question/response period, **may** be required.
- **ALL applicants** must provide a sealed official transcript to the Scholarship Committee with the applicant package.
- **ALL applicants** must provide proof they are enrolled in school for the fall semester before receipt of scholarship/stipend.
- **ALL applicants** must agree to return any scholarship/stipend award if applicant does not attend an educational institution or technical school in fall 2026.
- **Applicants can receive a scholarship and/or stipend no more than four (4) times.**

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/stipend award.

For information contact: Scholarship Review Team

P.O. Box 1061 Spotsylvania VA 22553-1061

Email: jjwaa2025@gmail.com

Subject: JJWAA Scholarship/Stipend

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Student Applicant Member Membership dues paid by March 15

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

Were member's dues paid in 2025 and 2026? 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: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ 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: _____



Attach a brief bio in paragraph form to include school, community, church or organizational activities and honors, awards and other achievements (required for all applicants)

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 if I do not enroll or attend an educational or training institution in the Fall 2026.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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APPLICATION PACKAGES MUST BE MAILED AND POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN March 31, 2026.

Application packages postmarked after March 31, 2026, WILL NOT be considered

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Mail application 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: _____

Active Member	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Essay Attached	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transcript Received	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Picture Attached	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brief Bio paragraph	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recommendations Received	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>