



# -2023- JENNIE-O SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

For 2023, Jennie-O is offering more than \$60,000 in scholarships. Below are the scholarships available, along with information and eligibility requirements for each. The **application deadline** is **March 10, 2023**. Applications must be received by a Jennie-O locational office, emailed to [acerickson@j-ots.com](mailto:acerickson@j-ots.com), or postmarked on or before the application deadline. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.

## **\$6,000 Golden Excellence Scholarship** (*paid out at \$1,500 per year over four years*)

- ✓ Up to two scholarships may be awarded.
- ✓ Must be a graduating high school senior.
- ✓ Must be the child\* of a full-time team member who works at a Jennie-O location.
- ✓ Must have a “B” grade point average in high school and provide an ACT/SAT score.
- ✓ Can major in any field and must plan to attend a four-year college full time to obtain a bachelor’s degree (it is acceptable for an applicant to attend a two-year community/junior college with plans to transfer to a four-year college).
- ✓ Recipient selection is based primarily on academics while taking into consideration college/career objectives, written essay, and letters of recommendation.
- ✓ Scholarship payments are made in \$1,500 increments for four years. Five years can be used to collect the scholarship dollars. The initial scholarship payment will be made upon receiving proof of enrollment from the educational institution to be attended by the scholarship recipient.
- ✓ To receive the scholarship on a continuing basis, recipients must maintain at least a “B” grade point average. Recipients who do not maintain a “B” grade point average are paid a lesser amount based on their grade point average.
- ✓ Jennie-O reserves the right to terminate any scholarships awarded at its discretion.

## **\$1,000 Continuing Education Scholarship** (*one-time payment; not renewable*)

- ✓ Up to 50 scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors.
- ✓ Must be the child\* of a full- or part-time team member who works at a Jennie-O location; or be a team member yourself.
- ✓ Up to three of these 50 scholarships are earmarked for children\* of our contract/independent growers.
- ✓ Applicants can attend any college or vocational-technical college and can major in any area.
- ✓ Must carry at least 6 credits per semester. Part-time students (less than 12 credits per semester) are only eligible for a \$500 scholarship in one year.
- ✓ Recipient selection is based on an overall evaluation of academics, written essay, and letters of recommendation.
- ✓ Jennie-O reserves the right to terminate any scholarships awarded at its discretion.

*\* To be eligible for a scholarship, the applicant must meet both of the following criteria: 1) live with the team member who is providing the applicant with the majority of his/her financial support. If the applicant does not live with the team member, the team member will need to provide documentation that he/she provides the majority of the applicant’s financial support; AND 2) applicant must be related to the team member in one of the following ways: natural born child, legally adopted child, stepchild, or the team member is the legal guardian of the applicant. In cases of legal adoption, legal guardianship, and stepchild relationships, legal documentation will be required to verify eligibility. **If documentation is not provided, the application will be disqualified.***

NOTE: Individuals who apply for more than one of the scholarships listed above can only be chosen as a recipient for one of them. If selected as a recipient for more than one scholarship, the scholarship with the highest dollar value will be awarded. This includes recipients of the Hormel Foods Charitable Trust Scholarship who applied as juniors in high school, but it does NOT apply to recipients of Hormel Inspired Pathways scholarships (for more information on this program, go to [HormelInspiredPathways.com](http://HormelInspiredPathways.com)).

## **Questions?**

Email: [acerickson@j-ots.com](mailto:acerickson@j-ots.com)  
Phone: 715-537-3131, Ext. 9331

*Jennie-O is an Equal Opportunity Employer*

*It is the policy of Jennie-O to provide educational benefits and employment opportunities without regard for a person’s age, color, creed, disability, marital status, membership or activity in a local commission, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or status with regard to public assistance.*



# 2023 JENNIE-O SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

\*For High School Seniors to Complete\*



If filling out application by hand, please print legibly using an ink pen.

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL, LAST NAME	
STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	BIRTHDATE

## ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY: *The first box must be checked. If you are not a graduating high school senior, you cannot apply.*

I am a graduating high school senior.

I work at a Jennie-O location. Please provide your employee identification number \_\_\_\_\_

My parent, step-parent or legal guardian works at a Jennie-O location. Please provide their employee identification number: \_\_\_\_\_

If you checked the previous box, you must check one of the boxes below and review the eligibility requirements.

The employee is my parent and I live with him/her.

The employee is my parent, but I do not live with him/her.\* *Additional documentation required.*

The employee is my step-parent or legal guardian and I live with him/her.\* *Additional documentation required.*

The employee is my step-parent or legal guardian, but I do not live with him/her.\* *Additional documentation required.*

*\*Eligibility Requirements: If you do not live with the team member, you must provide documentation that the team member provides the majority of your financial support. In cases of legal adoption, legal guardianship or stepchild relationships, you will also need to provide legal documentation to verify eligibility requirements have been met. If documentation is not provided, your application will be disqualified.*

JENNIE-O WORK LOCATION:

Willmar  Montevideo  Melrose  Pelican Rapids  Faribault  Barron  Live Production  Other

SCHOLARSHIP(S) APPLYING FOR (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY) – must be a graduating high school senior in 2023:

\$6,000 Golden Excellence Scholarship – Must be pursuing a four-year degree, have a “B” GPA in high school, and provide your ACT/SAT score. *(If applying for this scholarship, make sure to also apply for the \$1,000 Continuing Education Scholarship below.)*

\$1,000 Continuing Education Scholarship – Can attend any college/vocational school.

## HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL	
LOCATION OF HIGH SCHOOL (CITY, STATE)	YEAR GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL



**WRITTEN STATEMENT OF GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS**

Provide a statement of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and future goals. You may want to reflect on how work experience, your participation in school or community activities, or any unusual family or personal circumstances have impacted the determination of your goals. You may use the space below or you may attach a separate page, if desired.

**APPLICATIONS MISSING THIS SECTION WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DISQUALIFIED.**

**PERSONAL RECOMMENDATIONS – TWO ARE REQUIRED** *(see attachments at the end of this application)*

You must obtain two recommendations to be considered for this scholarship. For your convenience, two recommendation forms are included with this application. Fill in your name and the name of the individual you are asking to write the recommendation. Recommendation letters are also accepted in place of the recommendation forms. Recommendations must be from adults who are not relatives (i.e. an instructor, a member of the school staff, a member of the community, etc.). The completed recommendation forms (or recommendation letters) must be received by the deadline of **March 10, 2023**. ***APPLICATIONS MISSING THE TWO PERSONAL RECOMMENDATIONS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DISQUALIFIED.***

**CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT**

I give Jennie-O my permission to publish and/or use verbal/written language and/or photos of me for display, news media, or any other lawful purpose. I have read and understand this Application Form and state that the information I have provided is accurate. I understand it is my responsibility to fully complete this application and send it to the address below by the deadline of March 9, 2022. I understand that my application will be disqualified if it is not complete.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant  
*(digital signature is accepted if emailing back the completed form)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





**JENNIE-O SCHOLARSHIP  
ACADEMIC INFORMATION FORM**  
\*High School Guidance Office to Complete\*

**Applicant Instructions:** Sign below (or have your parent sign if you are not 18) and then have your guidance office complete this form. The completed form can either be returned with your application or your guidance office can mail or email it directly to the address on the bottom of this page by the deadline of March 10, 2023.

*I do hereby authorize release of the information requested below to Jennie-O's scholarship program administrator.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent (if applicant is under 18 years of age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant (if applicant is at least 18 years old)

*(digital signatures are accepted if emailing back the completed form)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE OFFICE TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

***\*Please make sure the applicant's high school transcript accompanies this form.\****

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address for school representative completing this form (in case of questions): \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_ (4.0 scale)

SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ or ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of school representative filling out this form  
*(digital signature is accepted if emailing back the completed form)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Mail or email all scholarship correspondence and materials to:**

**Jennie-O Scholarship  
34 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Barron, WI 54812**

**Email: acerickson@j-ots.com**

**Application Deadline: March 10, 2023**







# JENNIE-O SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM

\*Recommender can submit a recommendation letter in lieu of this form.\*

TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of person completing recommendation form)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Relationship to applicant – i.e. instructor, employer)

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of applicant)

### **Instructions to the Individual Recommending the Applicant:**

You may either provide a recommendation letter OR you may utilize this recommendation form. A computerized fill-in form that can be completed in Microsoft Word is available upon request by emailing [acerickson@j-ots.com](mailto:acerickson@j-ots.com). Your responses will provide important information that will be used when choosing this year’s scholarship recipients. Place your completed recommendation form in a sealed envelope and return it to the student for submission with his/her application. You may also mail or email your recommendation letter/form directly to: Jennie-O Scholarship, 34 N 7<sup>th</sup> St, Barron WI 54812 or [acerickson@j-ots.com](mailto:acerickson@j-ots.com) no later than March 10, 2023. Applicants missing the recommendation letter/form will be disqualified.

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Please describe the applicant’s reliability with regard to attendance and performance in the classroom, workplace or other relevant setting.

Please describe the applicant’s ability to interact with other students, employees or peers.

What is the most outstanding quality of this applicant? Please provide an example of the applicant’s use of that quality.

Why are you recommending this applicant for a Jennie-O scholarship?

Please select the option that best reflects the strength of your recommendation for this applicant:

Highly Recommend                       Moderately Recommend

Reluctantly Recommend                       Do Not Recommend

Please feel free to provide any other information you would like the selection committee to know about this applicant:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (*digital signature is accepted if emailing back the completed form*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Business/School/Employer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**JENNIE-O SCHOLARSHIP  
RECOMMENDATION FORM**

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Occupation/Title

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Date