

Virginia JCI Senate Scholarship Program Information & Instructions

The Virginia Junior Chamber International is proud to continue to offer the future leaders of America an opportunity to earn scholarship money for the pursuit of higher education or trade/technical education.

The Virginia JCI Senate Scholarship program is a two step process.

Step 1: Apply to the Virginia JCI Senate Scholarship program using the process noted below.

Step 2: Virginia winners will have the opportunity to compete for additional scholarships offered by the US JCI Senate (national level competition).

Please note that in addition to scholarship funds for four-year colleges/universities, a scholarship offering for students planning to attend trade, vocational, or technical schools is available. Last year, there was one applicant for this program from within Virginia and was an automatic winner for the trade/technical/vocational award. These students are encouraged to apply for the 2025-2026 year. Applicants student should select "Vocational Application" at the link provided below.

2025-2026 Application Process

Important - Please note!!

College bound students must have an unweighted GPA of 3.75 or higher to be considered.

Vocational students must have an unweighted GPA of 3.25 or higher to be considered.

The **head shot photo** of the applicant is only required if the student is selected to receive the scholarship but it may be included in the application. The photo should be 2"x3". If the student would rather wait to submit their photo, IT IS NOT REQUIRED UNTIL NOTIFIED and must be promptly provided in order to compete for the US JCI scholarship opportunity. If the photo is not received within 36 hours of notification, the student will not be eligible for JCI Senate national scholarship competition.

Letters of recommendation may be emailed separately to virginiajcisenatescholarship@gmail.com. Please indicate the student's name in the email subject line and in the filename. Applicants should leave a blank page in the application packet with the required page number in their application in order to add the letters of reference in the proper place.

New for 2025-2026!!!!

In addition to mailing the hardcopy application, applications may be emailed. Please ensure that the application, including all attachments, DOES NOT EXCEED 25 MB when assembled into a single pdf file. The pdf version may be emailed to virginiajcisenatescholarship@gmail.com. **The pdf version is not required but is appreciated. The pdf version MUST be an exact copy of the hardcopy application. If the student chooses to submit their application via email and is awarded a scholarship, the student will be notified to submit the full hardcopy application in order to compete for the national JCI Senate scholarship.**

Application Instructions**Step 1: applying to the Virginia JCI Senate Scholarship Program**

Download and complete the application form at this link. <https://usjcisenate.org/index.php/scholarship-program>

Please email for specific instructions for mailing hard copy applications

Cindy Kinney, Chair

Virginia JCI Senate Scholarship Program

virginiajcisenatescholarship@gmail.com.

Applications must be postmarked no later than January 12, 2026. The pdf copy may be emailed to:

virginiajcisenatescholarship@gmail.com

The pdf file must be no larger than 25 MB in order to accommodate file size limitations with email providers. The filename should be in the following format:

“Last name_first name 25-26 virginia jci scholarship application”

Scholarship awards: Two scholarships for college/university and one vocational scholarship will be awarded by the Virginia JCI Senate.

Step 2: Application to US JCI Senate Scholarship Program (National competition)

The Virginia winners are eligible to compete for additional scholarships from the US JCI Senate and will be notified with instructions for forwarding the completed hard copy application with original signature and photo to Cindy Kinney, Virginia JCI Senate Scholarship chair.

All applicants will be notified via email of the status of their application.

Please contact Cindy Kinney, the Virginia JCI Scholarship Program Chair with any questions at virginiajcisenatescholarship@gmail.com.