

2025 JESSICA COLTER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

The Jessica Colter Scholarship committee is pleased to provide up to five, individual one-time \$2,000 scholarship awards to qualified Greene County residents.

Eligible Applicants must be one of the following:

- Graduating 2026 High school seniors from Greeneville High School and Greene County educational institutions majoring in healthcare.
- Greene County residents graduating from private school or home school in 2026 majoring in healthcare.
- Greene County residents with a high school diploma or equivalent returning to college to pursue a degree in healthcare.
- Greene County residents who are previous Jessica Colter Scholarship award winners.

The award may be used to help defray the costs of any accredited, post-secondary educational institution during the 2026-2027 academic year.

Enclosed are application materials needed to apply for these scholarships. The application deadline is March 31, 2026. Only complete applications with the appropriate materials attached will be reviewed.

Materials required:

- *Applicant's Scholarship Cover Page
- *Community and church volunteer service; outside employment - limited to 10 entries only
- *Brief statement describing financial need (if any)
- *Transcripts (high school and dual enrollment as applicable; include schedule for final semester) ;(college transcripts clearly outlining your major)
- *500-1000 word essay addressing the following topic:

Essay topic for graduating high school seniors or those returning to college:

Jessica was hardworking, loving, and had a passion for community service. She worked hard and was diligent in her studies. She juggled a part-time job and school as she pursued her nursing degree. She never ceased to encourage and support her family, peers, and community. She loved to spend her free time volunteering for local organizations. Jessica was the living embodiment of the ideal nurse. How do you represent these same characteristics and how will these features help you succeed in a healthcare career?

Essay topic for returning Jessica Colter Scholarship winners:

As a Jessica Colter scholar, you've been entrusted with carrying on her legacy of supporting and loving your peers, family and community. How have you lived out these values this past year, and how are you using her legacy to build your own and leave an imprint on the medical community and our community as a whole?

Applicants will be judged and rated by the following:

1. Community and church volunteer Service; outside employment
2. Essay (content, length, format, grammar/spelling)
3. Interview if applicable

For winners to receive their awards, they must provide official verification of enrollment and attendance for the fall semester at an accredited, post-secondary educational institution by September 24, 2026. Award checks will be

mailed as soon as possible after verification has been received. (Checks will be made payable to the post-secondary institution the student is attending.) We also request winners be present at the Jessica Colter Memorial Scholarship awards ceremony at a date to be determined.

The deadline for submission of all application materials is **March 31, 2026**. All application materials must be postmarked by **March 31, 2026**.

**Jessica Colter Scholarship
1113 Tusculum Blvd #137
Greeneville TN 37745**

2026 JESSICA COLTER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

2024 SCHOLARSHIP COVER PAGE
JESSICA COLTER SCHOLARSHIP
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Greeneville TN 37745

High School/College _____ Graduation/Diploma Date _____

Name _____

Permanent Home
Address _____

Home and Cell Telephone(s) _____

Student's E-mail address _____

Date of Birth _____

College/University or technical school you plan to attend in Fall 2025 _____

Location _____

Major _____

Committee members use only

Community Service, Extracurricular Activities, Employment _____
Essay _____

TOTAL SCORE _____

	Organization/ Place of Service	Activity/Service Provided	Date	Hours	Contact Person	Email or Phone
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICE/EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES /EMPLOYMENT:

Limited to 1 entry per line.

Community Service

(List 10 service projects, volunteer committees, programs, or other activities you have participated in while attending high school. Do not list community/volunteer service that were part of service learning, activities during school hours or activities for which you received payment or time reimbursement.)

	Employer	Job Title	Dates of Employment	Avg Hours/Week	Manager	Email or Phone
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						

Total Hours _____

EMPLOYMENT

(State average hours worked per week and date of employment.)

Brief statement describing financial need (if any): _____

JESSICA COLTER SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Please include a 500-1000 word typed essay addressing the following:

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JESSICA COLTER SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY SCORING

Content	Rating	Description
	20 Exemplary	Introduction and conclusion are clear. Addresses the topic with details supporting a position. The identified need is achievable and would benefit our community and society.
	14 Above Average	Introduction and conclusion are clear. Addresses the topic with details supporting a position. The identified need is somewhat achievable and would benefit our community and society.
	10 Average	Introduction and conclusion are clear. Address the topic with details supporting a position. The identified need is not achievable and has limited benefit for our community and society.
	6 Limited	Either introduction or conclusion is missing. Addresses the topic with a limited amount of focus. Provides no achievable need.

	0 Unsatisfactory	Off topic.
Format	10 Exemplary	Essay includes a title, margins, readable font, appropriate spacing, and paragraphing.
	4 Average	Essay includes 2-3 of the above components.
	0 Unsatisfactory	Essay is unreadable and does not follow a standard essay format.
Grammar/Spelling		
	10 Exemplary	Essay contains no errors in grammar and spelling.
	4 Average	Essay contains limited errors in grammar and spelling.
	0 Unsatisfactory	Essay contains significant errors in grammar and spelling.
Length		
	5 Exemplary	Essay is between 250 and 300 words. Title not included.
	0 Unsatisfactory	Essay is less than 250 words or more than 300 words.