

Jessi Ghawi Memorial Scholarship Judging Rubric

Amount: \$5,000 Number of Awards: 2 Merit-based. Non-renewing.

Additional lesser scholarships may be awarded if funds become available.

Critical Elements	Strong Candidate	Candidate	Not competitive	Disqualifying	Score
Application Materials	All materials submitted by deadline in the manner required by application	All materials submitted by deadline in the manner required by application	All materials submitted by deadline in the manner required by application	Application materials incomplete or submitted after deadline	10
Eligibility	Meets all eligibility requirements	Meets all eligibility requirements	Meets all eligibilty requirements	Not an enrolled student or high school senior.	10
Essay	Meets length requirements. Demonstrates a profound impact of gun violence in applicant's life and how this fits into the broader tapestry of gun violence in America. Writing is of a collegiate quality and free of grammar or spelling errors.	Meets length requirements. Demonstrates a clear impact of gun violence in applicant's life. May or may not put this impact in the broader context of gun violence in America. Quality of writing is of a collegiate level.	Does not meet length guidelines. Impact of gun violence on life unclear	Is not at least 500 words. Does not demonstrate impact of gun violence on applicant's life.	40
Academics	Meets graduation requirements. Coursework of an honors difficulty. Ranked in top 25% of graduating High School class or has clearly documented extenuating circumstances. Significant extra-curricular activities.	Meets graduation requirements. Ranked top 50% of class or has clearly documented extenuating circumstances. High school coursework of a college prep difficulty. Participated in extra-curricular activities.	Meets graduation requirements. Academic work is of a less challenging quality. Ranked in bottom half of class without clearly noted etenuating circumstances.	Does not meet graduation requirements (high school students). Does not meet at least a 2.0 (or equivalent) GPA (college students)	40
Total					100