



Addison Jo Blair Memorial Scholarship Overcoming Adversity Scholarship 2026

The Addison Jo Blair Memorial Scholarship is for students who have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity in their lives.

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is **Friday, April 24, 2026.**
2. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e.; reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.)
4. If any question does not apply to you in this application please put N/A in the space.
5. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you. You may also download a copy of the application online at www.addisonjoblair.org .
6. You will be notified by mail in May regarding the status of your application.
7. If you have any questions about the application, please email the foundation at info@addisonjoblair.org

NOTE: Scholarship funds will be awarded to the student upon evidence of registration in an accredited post-secondary institution.

PURPOSE: To provide one scholarship to a deserving Central Hardin High School graduating senior interested in or intending to pursue post-high school course of study at either college/university or other post-secondary educational institution.

Award Components: One \$1,000.00 scholarship and individual certificate awarded to one student selected by the Addison Jo Blair Foundation Board.

Criteria:

1. Applicant must be a Central Hardin High School student
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award.
3. Applicant must have experienced adversity in their life in which they demonstrated integrity and perseverance to overcome and used the experience to better themselves and others.
4. Applicant must show proof of attending a post-secondary educational institution prior to receiving funds.

Application Process:

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly)
2. Two letters of recommendation from someone outside of immediate family (mom, dad, brothers or sisters) such as an administrator, counselor, teacher, or individual with significant knowledge of applicant's experience of dealing with adversity.
3. An official and recent high school transcript with cumulative grade point average.
4. Personal Essay: In your essay, please answer the prompt on the enclosed essay form.

Prompt: Explain the type of adversity you have experienced in your life, how you overcame it with integrity and perseverance, and have used the experience to better yourself and others.

Selection Process:

*Please refer to the attached Conflict of Interest Policy of the Addison Jo Blair Foundation, Part D, Items 1-5.

Deadline: The application is due by **Friday, April 24, 2026.** Please return all completed forms to the counselor's office.



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Please type or print your answers.		
1.	Last Name:	First Name:
2.	Mailing Address: Street: _____	
	City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
3.	Daytime Telephone Numbers: ()	
4.	Date of Birth:	
5.	Current High School: Central Hardin High School	Number of Years Attended:
6.	I will be attending the following school/program in the Fall 2026: _____ Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is required prior to receipt of funds . What specialty/major do you plan to major in as you continue your education? _____	
7.	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) *Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent official school transcript required.	
8.	Name, Address and Phone Numbers of parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Name: _____ Address: _____ _____ Phone Number: _____	
9.	Name and city of other high schools attended:	Number of Years Attended:

10.	<p>Personal Essay:</p> <p>Please answer the following prompt on the last sheet provided with this application.</p> <p><i>Explain the type of adversity you have experienced in your life, how you overcame it with integrity and perseverance, and how and why you have used this experience to better yourself and others.</i></p>		
11.	<p>A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.</p> <p>B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to the application.</p> <p>C. Circle "YES" OR "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.</p>		
	YES	NO	Two (2) letters of recommendation. Return these completed letters of recommendation in a sealed envelope.
	YES	NO	Most recent official high school transcript.
	YES	NO	Personal Essay: <i>Explain the type of adversity you have experienced in your life, how you overcame it with integrity and perseverance, and how and why you have used this experience to better yourself and others.</i>

Statement of Accuracy

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Addison Jo Blair Foundation's scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the Addison Jo Blair Foundation, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____

Date: _____

Reminder:

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Personal Essay

Explain the adversity you have experienced in your life, how you overcame it with integrity and perseverance, and how and why you have used this experience to better yourself and others.

Conflict of Interest Policy for the Addison Jo Blair Foundation

A conflict of interest is defined as an actual or perceived interest by a staff or Board member in an action that results in, or has the appearance of resulting in, personal, organizational, or professional gain. Officers and members are obligated to always act in the best interest of the organization. This obligation requires that any officer or member, in the performance of organization duties, seek only the furtherance of the organization mission. At all times, officers and board members are prohibited from using their job title or the organization's name or property, for private profit or benefit. The following articles will be abided by all Board members of the Addison Jo Blair Foundation.

A. The officers and members of the organization will neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, vendors, or institutions. This is not intended to preclude bona-fide organization fund raising-activities.

B. No officer, or member of the organization, shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a purchase or contract with a vendor or institution where, to his/her knowledge, any of the following has a financial interest:

1. The officer or member;
2. Any member of their immediate family;
3. Their partner/significant other;
4. An organization in which any of the above is an officer, director or employee;
5. A person or organization with whom any of the above individuals is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment.

C. Disclosure--Any possible conflict of interest shall be disclosed by the person or persons concerned.

D. Board Action--When a conflict of interest is relevant to a matter requiring action by the Board, the interested person(s) shall call it to the attention of the Board and said person(s) shall not vote on the matter. In addition, the person(s) shall not participate in the final decision or related deliberation regarding the matter under consideration. When there is a doubt as to whether a conflict exists, the matter shall be resolved by vote of the Board, excluding the person(s) concerning whose situation the doubt has arisen.

***The Addison Jo Blair Memorial Scholarship –*

1. All scholarship applications will have the applicants name whitened out; placed in a sealed envelope and then numbered on the outside of the envelope.
2. All applications will be brought to the Addison Jo Blair Foundation Board of Directors at a called meeting to be reviewed.
3. Each Board member will review each application and then vote on applications based on the criteria listed in the memorial scholarship application.
4. If there are no applicants that meet the scholarship criteria, the Addison Jo Blair Foundation reserves the right to withhold scholarship money for that school year.

E. Record of Conflict--The official minutes of the Board shall reflect that the conflict of interest was disclosed and the interested person(s) did not participate in the final discussion or vote and did not vote on the matter.

ADDISON JO BLAIR FOUNDATION

Official Agency Title

Name of Authorized Representative

Title of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date