

Scholarship Descriptions

Three \$1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded: one for academics, one for community service, and one for exemplary character. Applications are due to SJEA on April 26, 2024. The recipients will be notified by Wednesday, May 1st. Scholarships will be awarded on May 11^h, at the SJEA Annual Retirement and Scholarship Banquet.

The **Almarene C. Lowndes Scholarship** is awarded to students who are community activists and have a passion for helping others. Almarene C. Lowndes was a long-time elementary teacher and teacher activist who retired from Crookshank Elementary. She served as president, treasurer, and bargaining team member of SJEA, as well as serving actively in state and national organizations. She was one of the driving forces in SJEA's involvement in the community's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrations and behind SJEA's sponsorship of the annual poster and essay contests. Almarene was always knowledgeable about social issues in our community and involved in promoting progressive social principles at the local, state, and national levels.

The **Art Bocchieri Scholarship** is awarded to students who demonstrate high academic achievement, thanks to empowered teachers, involved parents, and motivated students. Art Bocchieri was an elementary teacher at the Webster School and later a Title I Reading Specialist at Osceola Elementary. He was the voice of SJEA at the bargaining table for many years, serving as chief negotiator, bargaining chair, and as a resourceful, creative member of the bargaining team. He was an advocate for strong teachers' voices in their classrooms. Art believed teachers' working conditions are students' learning conditions.

The **Brian Elmore Scholarship** is awarded to students that demonstrate great character and compassion for others. Brian Elmore was born and raised in St. Johns County, attending public school his entire life, ultimately graduating from Bethune Cookman University. He taught for more than 20 years in St. Johns County and his love for teaching was evident in everything he did for the kids. Brian's gift was making every child feel like they were smart, respected, and they could achieve whatever they put their minds to. Later in his career, Brian moved to the emotional behavior classroom and taught the neediest of our students. The children loved him. His motto: "Let the choices you make today be the choices you can live with tomorrow." Sadly, Brian lost his battle with cancer in 2017, but his legacy lives on in the students he taught and in the future students that will benefit from this scholarship.

Scholarship Requirements

1. The application must be **typed** or **printed in black or blue ink**. Electronic submissions will not be accepted.
2. The completed application must be **received** by SJEA in person or by mail, no later than April 26, 2024 at 5:00pm. Applications will be processed that evening.
3. The applicant must be a dependent of an active, current (2023-2024) SJEA Member, who has been a member for at least this school year and is a member in good standing.
4. The applicant must verify outstanding achievement in extracurricular activities.
5. The applicant must include a **sealed** letter of recommendation from a faculty member from his/her school.
6. The applicant must submit a current **sealed** high school transcript.
7. The applicant must be scheduled to graduate from a St. Johns County School District public high school in May 2024.

Sealed copies of the applicant's present high school transcript and faculty recommendation should be mailed to the SJEA 1st Vice President directly from the school. **Request them ASAP to have them arrive in time.** All applicants will be notified of the status of their application via the provided email address.

Please mail to:

Martin Westall, 1st Vice President
St Johns Education Association
1260 North Ponce de Leon Blvd., Suite F
Saint Augustine, Fl. 32084

*****Please be sure to submit all requested information and documents. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Please list all your high school activities. Your description of activities should include the name of a faculty member or supervisor who can verify the activity. For activities outside of school, please indicate the name of your supervisor and phone number. Please use additional sheets if needed.

Extracurricular Activities:

School or Church Organizations (including leadership positions held)

School Athletics (include letters received and any leadership positions)

Academic Activities:

Awards (include honor roll, honor societies, and special awards)

Academic Clubs

Community & Personal Activities

Community Service (include any leadership positions held)

Hobbies

Work Experience

Paid Work Experience

Volunteer Work Experience

Future Plans

Preferred College Choices

Major Field of Study

Career Goals
