

# Financial Aid & Merit Scholarships

## Current Students - 2017/2018

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Japhet School offers several different opportunities for tuition assistance on an annual basis in the form of Financial Aid and Merit Scholarships. Tuition assistance may not, by current policy, exceed 50% of tuition.

### Financial Aid

Financial Aid refers to need-based awards that reduce the tuition paid by a family. To apply for these funds, families must submit their Re-enrollment Contract along with at least \$100.00 of the \$475.00 deposit to guarantee their child's position, and they must obtain financial aid forms from the Admissions Director. Japhet documents and processes its Financial Aid requests through the School and Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS), a third-party provider for independent schools. Applications may be made in writing or completed online. The online application results in faster processing and reporting to Japhet School. A second short application, which provides the school with a summary of how and when the SSS application was submitted, is also submitted to the Director of Admissions, Robin Pospisil. This piece also provides an opportunity for families to tell the school how much financial aid they are requesting as well as to explain any extenuating circumstances that affect their financial picture beyond the numerical information provided to the SSS. Families will be notified of the school's decision and award in writing in early June.

### Merit Scholarships for Current Students

Japhet School also provides Merit Scholarships for both need-based and merit-based candidates. Students must complete the Scholarship Application and meet academic and character qualifications in order to write for these scholarships. Japhet School is currently offering the following Merit Scholarships that do not affect the family's opportunity to also apply for Financial Aid.

#### **Barbara Droege Citizenship Award - \$1,000 - entering 2nd-8th**

#### **Arline M. Auten-Hartman Citizenship Award - \$1,000 - entering 2nd-8th**

These awards seek to honor students who have demonstrated exemplary citizenship and are committed to honesty, respect for others, community service and honoring our country. This award is available to students who have received a high evaluation in citizenship on report cards and who have demonstrated initiative and industry to improve our school, community and/or the world. Letters of recommendation should speak to the student's exemplary citizenship and expression of honesty, respect for others, initiative, industry, community service and honor of country.

#### **Japhet School Leadership Grant - \$1,500 - entering 2nd-8th**

This tuition grant recognizes a Japhet student who expresses exemplary leadership in and out of school. Letters of recommendation should speak to the student's expression of positive leadership. In addition, the student candidate also must write a reflection about their involvement in community service.

#### **Grandparents of Japhet School Merit Award - \$500 - entering 2nd-4th**

#### **Grandparents of Japhet School Merit Award - \$500 - entering 5th-8th**

The Grandparents of Japhet School Merit Awards seek to honor two students who express good character in their day-to-day lives. Each of the two awards will be given to a student who has received a high evaluation in citizenship on report cards, and who has demonstrated a caring attitude. Letters of recommendation should speak to the student's exemplary citizenship and expression of compassion, respect for others, and good judgment.

## **Arlene & Addison Brown Legacy Mathematics Award - \$1,000 - entering 2nd-8th**

This legacy award is for students who have been enrolled in Japhet School since September 2014 or before. Candidates must have a high evaluation in citizenship and character qualities. Mrs. Brown served on Japhet's Board of Trustees, and Mr. Brown is an accountant who worked as Japhet's Business Manager. Students who apply for this award will write a short paragraph and also solve mathematical problems appropriate for their math level. Letters of recommendation should speak to how the student has internalized Japhet's character qualities and uses them for guiding decisions.

## **Chase Dobbs Alumnus Science Grant - \$1,000 - entering 2nd-4th**

## **Chase Dobbs Alumnus Science Grant - \$1,000 - entering 5th-8th**

These scholarships are for two students who can explain the importance of character to science. Japhet alumnus Chase Dobbs J'11 and his mother, Caryn Rainey, provide these scholarships in gratitude for the strong start Chase received at Japhet. Candidates must carry an S+ or B average or better in science for the school year. They will write a short essay on a topic involving science. Letters of recommendation should speak to the student's use of good judgment in decision making and their curiosity and desire to learn about the world around them.

## **Robert Andreasen Merit Scholarship - \$1,000 - entering 5th-8th**

The Robert Andreasen Merit Scholarship is for current Japhet School students who are committed to academic excellence, character, and exemplary citizenship. Students must have been on the honor roll for two out of the three marking periods in the 2016/2017 school year to apply. The sponsors of the Robert Andreasen Merit Scholarship will anonymously judge the required essay. Letters of recommendation should speak to the student's expression of character and citizenship.

## **Ruth Joy Outland Citizenship Award - \$1,000 - entering 6th-8th**

The world needs citizens who are committed to personal excellence, expressed in honesty, truthfulness, responsibility, respectfulness, cheerfulness, empathy, tolerance, and kindness, both as leaders and followers. Japhet School teaches its students how to be citizens of such value -- now and in their future life. The Ruth Joy Outland Citizenship Award seeks to honor that student who has demonstrated exemplary citizenship. Citizenship marks for the first three marking periods for 2016/2017 school year must be all "Excellent." Letters of recommendation should speak to the student's commitment to personal excellence, honesty, truthfulness, responsibility, respectfulness, cheerfulness, empathy, tolerance, and kindness.

## **How to Apply for a Merit Scholarship**

Applicants should first submit "Scholarship Application for Current Students," available from the Admissions office or from [www.japhetschool.org](http://www.japhetschool.org) – "Helpful Forms."

Re-enrollment Contract and deposit must be completed and submitted for the 2017/2018 school year.

Letter About Scholarship Candidate from two individuals: one from a Japhet teacher, and the other from a person who is not a parent/guardian must be submitted by Tuesday, April 11, 2017. ("Letter About Scholarship Candidate" forms are available in the front office or at [japhetschool.org](http://japhetschool.org) under "Helpful Forms.")

Student must compose an essay related to citizenship and character on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, from 3:30 to 4:50 PM. The specific questions to which scholarship applicants write vary by scholarship and are not revealed ahead of time. Applicants may test for a max of two scholarships on the essay-writing date.

The scholarship awards will be announced at Japhet's Awards Ceremony on Thursday, June 8, 2017. Each scholarship will be credited to the recipient's 2017/2018 tuition payment and is not available in cash. If a scholarship honoree does not complete the school year, the scholarship award is forfeited.