NEC 2019 Scholarship Criteria and Considerations

The objective of the Jump$tart NEC Scholarship program is to advance financial literacy by bringing K-12 personal finance teachers to a national conference to discover information, ideas, resources, and a network of fellow educators from across the country.

Eligibility
Scholarship applicants must be licensed K-12 classroom teachers:
- Based in the United States or its territories or in a school serving U.S. citizens (such as on a military base).
- Currently employed by a K-12 public, private, or charter school, school district or school system—or with confirmed employment at a K-12 public, private, or charter school, school district or school system for the 2019-20 school year.
- With at least one full school year of teaching experience, as well as plans to teach for at least one full school year following the event.

Criteria
Jump$tart and its supporters seek teachers who, through their application, can demonstrate:
- Their passion for and personal commitment to financial literacy for students.
- The impact they have had and/or expect to have among the students they teach.
- A need/desire/plan for seeking the information, ideas, resources, and networking offered at the conference.

Priorities
- Jump$tart will select scholarship recipients with the goal of spreading support across the country.
- Jump$tart may select more heavily from some geographic areas and/or from some demographic categories based on preferences specified by the donors.
- Jump$tart has committed to a participation ratio of 30% returning attendees and 60% first-timers\(^1\); leaving 10% as discretionary either way.

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\(^1\) First-timers will be defined as never attended the conference before, or who have not attended the conference in the last two years.
Conditions
Scholarship recipients agree to:

- Arrange and/or pay for their own travel and incidental expenses. (*Scholarships include two hotel nights and six conference meals.*)
- Complete the online scholarship application by **August 20, 2019.**
- Register for the conference by **September 13, 2019,** which indicates their acceptance of the scholarship —or— notify Jump$tart in writing of their decision to decline the scholarship by September 13, 2019 —or— contact Jump$tart directly to request additional time, if necessary.
- A $100 refundable deposit will be charged upon registration. The deposit will be refunded at the conclusion of the event.
- Attend and participate fully in the entire conference and arrange travel accordingly.
- Send a note of thanks to their scholarship provider.

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2 Applicants are asked to confirm their ability to attend the conference if selected, prior to the close of the scholarship application period. Applicants who are awarded a scholarship and decline it after the registration deadline may be precluded from future scholarship opportunities.