JSNEC20 Scholarship Criteria and Considerations

The objective of the Jump$tart NEC Scholarship program is to advance financial literacy by bringing PreK-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 Pre-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 PreK-12 public, private, or charter school, school district or school system – or – with confirmed employment at a PreK-12 public, private, or charter school, school district or school system for the 2020-21 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 effective classroom financial education 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$tart will select scholarship recipients with the goal of spreading support and participation across the country.
• Jump$tart may select more heavily from certain geographic areas and/or demographic categories based on preferences specified by the donors.
• Jump$tart will strive to achieve a participation ratio of 30% returning attendees and 60% first-timers; leaving 10% as discretionary either way.

1 First-timers will be defined as never attended the conference before, or who have not attended the conference in the last two years.
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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 21, 2020**.
• Register for the conference by **September 18, 2020**, which indicates their acceptance of the scholarship –or– notify Jump$Start in writing of their decision to decline the scholarship by September 18, 2020 –or– contact Jump$Start directly to request additional time, if necessary.¹
• A $100 refundable deposit, which will be charged upon registration and 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.

¹ 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.