

NEC 2021 Scholarship Criteria and Considerations

The objective of the Jump\$start 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 PreK-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 2021-22 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\$start 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\$start will select scholarship recipients with the goal of spreading support across the country.
- Jump\$start may select more heavily from some geographic areas and/or from some demographic categories based on preferences specified by the donors.
- Jump\$start strives for a participation ratio of 30% returning attendees and 60% first-timers¹; 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 20, 2021**.
- Register for the conference by **September 16, 2021**, which indicates their acceptance of the scholarship –or– notify Jump\$tart in writing of their decision to decline the scholarship by September 17, 2021 –or– contact Jump\$tart directly to request additional time, if necessary.²
- A \$100 refundable deposit, which will be charged upon registration-and will be refunded shortly after the conclusion of the event, based on your confirmed participation.
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- Attend and participate fully in the entire conference and arrange travel accordingly.
- Agree to follow the health and safety protocols established by the Omni Shoreham Hotel-Washington as well as the ordinances placed by the District of Columbia.
- Sign the *Waiver of Liability, Release, Assumption of Risk & Indemnity Agreement* relating to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19.
- Send a note of thanks to their scholarship provider.

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.