



Announcing the 2012 Smith Scholars

The number of scholarship applicants more than doubled compared to the prior year!

In 2012, 112 JAG seniors submitted their application and documentation to be considered for one of the twelve \$1,000 scholarships awarded in the fourth year of the Board of Directors and Friends of JAG to present scholarships to JAG graduates. The selection committee was most pleased with the overall quality of the applications, transcripts, essays and support letters from the nominees representing nine JAG State Organizations.

- In 2011, 53 JAG seniors submitted their application and documentation for one of the ten \$1,000 scholarships awarded in the third year of the KMS Scholarship Fund. The selection committee was most pleased with the overall quality of the applications, transcripts, essays and support letters from the nominees representing 15 JAG State Organizations.
- In 2010, 83 JAG seniors submitted their application and documentation for one of the ten \$1,000 scholarships awarded in the second year of awarding scholarships to JAG graduates.
- In 2009, 34 JAG seniors submitted their application and documentation for one of the seven \$1,000 scholarships awarded in the initial year of awarding scholarships to JAG graduates.

Snapshots of the 2012 Applicants

In reviewing the applications for the 2012 Smith Scholars, the members of the JAG Scholars and Governance Committees found it most difficult to narrow the 112 applicants to the 12 scholars identified. It was recommended that the Board seeking additional funding to increase the number of scholarships in 2013 and, likewise, we hope that 100 percent of the states will submit nominees for next year's scholarship program.

- The 2012 applicants were requested to share the number of community service hours documented in the 2011-2012 school year. The hours ranged from a low of no documented hours to a high of 1,621 hours.
- Applicants' GPA ranged from a low of 1.5 to a high of a 4.0 GPA.
- The percentage of female applicants was 67 percent; male applicants were 33 percent.
- 86 percent of applicants were accepted to a postsecondary institution; 14 percent of the applicants had not been accepted as of the submission date of the applicant packet.
- 63 percent of the 112 applicants are planning to attend a 4-year college or university; 30 percent are planning to attend a 2-year community college; 3 percent are planning to attend a trade school; and 6 percent have not made a decision on their postsecondary destination.
- The career goals of all applicants included:
 - Health Professions 42
 - Teaching Professions 15
 - Business Professions 6
 - Unknown 6
 - Veterinarian 5
 - Graphics 5
 - Law Professions 4
 - Social Work 3
 - Other Career Goals: Aviation, Architecture, Counseling, Culinary Arts, Event Management, Communications, Cosmetology, Forestry, Game Warden, Hospitality, Journalism, Librarian, Merchandising, Psychology, Politics, Real Estate, Sports Management, Security, Postsecondary Education, Entrepreneur



Congratulations to the 2012 Smith Scholars!

Name	City	State	GPA	College	Career
Brenda Angelethy	Port Gibson	Mississippi	4.0	Mississippi State U.	Teacher
Orleana Bland	Seaford	Delaware	3.8	Delaware State U.	Accounting
Damyyan Eafford	Cleveland	Ohio	3.7	Cleveland State U.	Postsec. Ed.
De'Harshylln Gilbert	Winnfield	Louisiana	2.4	Nashville Auto Diesel	Diesel Mech.
Jacob Hughes	Summerville	Georgia	3.7	Jacksonville State U.	Teacher
Christye James	Indianola	Mississippi	3.8	Alcorn State U.	Nursing
Tre'Quan Martin	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	3.4	Nicolet Area Tech C.	Teacher
McKenzie Ropp	Roberts	Maine	3.7	Montana State U.	Radiology
Sophia Schumauderer	East Machias	Maine	3.7	U. of Maine-Machias	Counseling
Lacey Turbyfill	Roan Mountain	Tennessee	3.9	Milligan College	Teacher
Maria Vega	Aberdeen	Washington	3.6	Grays Harbor CC	Nursing
Perry Washington Jr.	Gentry	Mississippi	3.4	Morehouse College	Attorney

Congratulations letters to the 2012 Smith Scholars from Governor Jack Markell, Chair of the JAG Board of Directors, and the \$1,000 scholarship check will be received shortly. We are hopeful that the 2012 Smith Scholars will send periodic updates on their status in pursuit of a postsecondary education.

Appreciation letters are being sent from Governor Markell to all scholarship applicants acknowledging the quality of submissions in 2012 and with best wishes in their pursuit of a postsecondary education and career advancement opportunities.