APPLICANT CHECKLIST

Be a resident of a state with JA Chapters (AL, AR, L, LA, MO, MS or TN).

Completed, or will have completed, undergraduate tudies prior to the beginning of scholarship year.

Applied to a graduate program and received onfirmation of acceptance by April 1.

Select a field of study which focuses on the special needs of children.

Submitted NAJA Scholarship Application Form on he NAJA website.

'Submitted a copy of driver's license on the NAJA vebsite.

Submitted the expense page(s) from current school atalog on the NAJA website.

Submitted transcripts for all undergraduate studies rom colleges or universities on the NAJA website.

Requested and received three (3) Scholarship Recommendation Form submissions from ducational, professional and character references on the NAJA website.

Submitted resume on the NAIA website.

Submitted completed application online by February 1st.

Scholarship Recipients may attend a college or university of their choice in any state.

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Helping those who help others.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc. annually awards scholarships to persons pursuing graduate level studies in fields which address the special needs of children. Graduate fields of study include, but are not limited to: Counseling, Psychology, Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Speech Pathology, Exceptional Children, Remedial Skills Development, Hearing Impaired, Gifted and Talented, etc. Scholarships are not awarded for graduate work in administration or general education.

Award recipients may attend the college or university of their choice. If more than one scholarship year is required to complete studies, the recipient may re-apply, provided all previous agreements have been fulfilled satisfactorily.

PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The National Association of Junior Auxiliaries was established in 1941 with the purpose of uniting members "to render charitable services which are beneficial to the general public, with particular emphasis on children, to cooperate with other organizations performing similar services." Today the growing Association continues the focus of meeting the needs of children and youth in keeping with the NAJA slogan:

Care Today - Character Tomorrow

Begun in 1962, the NAJA Scholarship Program provides awards to qualified and deserving applicants whose enhanced education and training ultimately benefit children.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Official application forms are available between September 1 and February 1 on the NAJA Web site at www.najanet.org

Applications must be submitted online.

June 1 through May 31-Scholarship Year

<u>February 1</u> - Deadline for submissions of application, recommendation forms, and required attachments.

<u>First week in April</u> - Scholarship Committee meets, interviews finalists by telephone, selects recipients, and awards scholarships.

SELECTION PROCESS

Scholarship applicants are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Commitment to the special needs of children
- 2. Scholarship
- 3. Recommendation Form & Letter
- 4. Motivation and Goals

Scholarship awards are based on applicant qualifications and available funds.

OBLIGATIONS OF RECIPIENT

The recipient of an NAJA scholarship agrees to the following:

- To inform him/herself of the basic purposes of Junior Auxiliary, particularly the process of helping children;
- To maintain a high level of Scholarship and behavior and to send to the Scholarship Committee a transcript of all grades received during the period of the grant;
- To notify the Scholarship Committee of any change in name, address, major field of study, or school.