

# JSU HONORS SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL OF OBLIGATIONS



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## **THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL SCHOLARS OR THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD BECOMES INVALID.**

**JSU Honors Scholarship** – You are the recipient of a JSU Honors Scholarship. Provided that you meet renewal requirements for each semester, the scholarship will credit your student account 18 in-state traditional classroom tuition hours for the fall and spring semesters. If you enroll in anything other than traditional classes, i.e. 100% online classes, you will be billed for the 100% Online Tuition difference per hour. The scholarship only covers undergraduate studies. The book plan is awarded as part of the Honors Scholarship and provides textbooks and course-related items for courses up to 18 tuition hours for the fall and spring semesters only. University Housing (double occupancy, premium housing as defined by the Honors Board) and residential meal plan will also be applied to your account. The scholarship is limited to your first four years at Jacksonville State University; a total of 8 semesters. The scholarship will not pay for summer classes. The renewal requirements are listed below.

1. **Renewal Requirement of Minimum Credit Hours** – You are expected to enroll in and maintain at least 12 hours per semester. If you do not successfully complete at least 12 hours per semester, your scholarship will not be renewed for the next semester. If you fail to meet the minimum requirements in the semester in which you are graduating, you may be required to reimburse Jacksonville State University for that semester.
2. **Renewal Requirement for Service Hours** – You are required to complete at least 7 service hours for each fall and spring semesters. However, you are permitted to earn, with approval of the Program Dean, extra service hours in one semester that will carry over to the following semester. Three of the 7 service hours must be completed prior to academic advisement/midterm check-in with the Honors Program Dean. Failure to fulfill the service requirement will result in the non-renewal of your scholarship for the next semester.

Graduating seniors who are enrolled in a program that requires an internship, practicum, clinicals, or another high-impact learning requirement during their final semester are required to earn 4 of their 7 service hours for their final semester during the semester before they graduate. These students are required to meet with the Honors staff TWO SEMESTERS prior to graduation in order to develop a plan for them to earn and roll 4 of their service hours forward to their final semester.

3. **Renewal Requirement for GPA** – At the completion of each semester, you must have a semester GPA of at least 3.25 to have your scholarship renewed for the following academic semester. If you drop below the 3.25 GPA, you will be placed on scholarship probation for the following semester. If you do not meet the 3.25 semester GPA requirement following completion of the probationary semester, your scholarship will not be renewed.
4. **Renewal Requirement for Honors Program Meeting Attendance** – You must attend 4 meetings per semester. For the fall semesters, this includes August, September, October, and November. For the spring semesters, this includes January, February, March, and April.

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5. **Renewal Requirement for Checking JSU Student Email** – You must check your JSU email at least once a day during the fall and spring semesters. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the non-renewal of your scholarship.
6. **Renewal Requirement for Advisement** – You must meet with the Honors Program Dean for schedule approval following advisement with your academic advisor. Any changes made to an approved schedule must be approved by the academic advisor and Honors Program Dean. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the non-renewal of your scholarship.
7. **Renewal Requirement for Housing** – You must reside on campus in premium housing as defined by the Honors Board. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the non-renewal of your scholarship.
8. **Renewal Requirements for Student Conduct** – JSU expects all Honors Scholarship recipients to abide by applicable law and the JSU Student Code of Conduct. Failure to comply with these conduct requirements and/or any arrests may result in the non-renewal of the scholarship for the upcoming semester.
9. **Renewal Requirements for Student Employment** – As a condition of receiving the JSU Honors Scholarship, you are expected to prioritize your academic and service commitments. You may not hold outside employment (including on-campus positions, remote work, or freelance contracts) during the fall or spring semesters without prior written approval from the Honors Program Dean. Requests for employment must be submitted in writing and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration academic performance, workload, and overall standing in the Honors Program. Unauthorized employment may result in the non-renewal of your scholarship.
10. **Contingency for Virtual Learning and Campus Closure** – If JSU is required to conclude the semester early or shift to virtual learning, the Honors Board will review and recommend any modifications to the completion of Honors by Contract courses (HBCs) and will establish acceptable alternatives to the required seven service hours per semester.

**Payback Obligation for Seniors that do not fulfill final semester requirements.** Seniors are not exempt from any guidelines and obligations of the JSU Honors Scholarship. Absent express written approval in writing from the Program Dean, seniors are required to fulfill all requirements, including the service requirement, for the semester in which they graduate. Seniors that do not fulfill the service requirement for their final semester: a) are required to reimburse the University for any scholarship amounts they have received; and b) will not be permitted to graduate with Honors Scholar distinction.

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The foregoing requirements are strictly applied. Medical or hardship circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

By signing below, I affirm that I understand the guidelines and obligations of the JSU Honors Scholarship. I further understand that if my admission status changes, the scholarship will be withdrawn. Likewise, I understand the requirements to maintain eligibility for the JSU Honors Scholarship and agree to abide by the same.

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Signature

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Student ID

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Date

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Print Name