



“The Environment and Me” – Scholarship Program
Sponsored by Republic Services, Inc.



OVERVIEW: Republic Services Inc. is a leading provider of solid waste collection, transfer, recycling and disposal services. Republic is committed to providing sustainable solutions that promote environmental awareness. Specifically, Republic recognizes the following key principles:

- Improving the environment begins with the individual taking a conscious effort to care for the environment.
- The smallest volunteer contributions can have the largest impact; from beautification projects to waste reduction and recycling programs, volunteers can be leveraged to produce significant change in communities.
- Education and awareness are key first steps towards improving individual and community behaviors.

PURPOSE: To support the continuing education of JAG students who demonstrate a passion and commitment to the environment via active participation and responsible actions. In addition, Republic Services’ goal is to partner with the awardees to support the implementation of solutions and strategies identified in the winning essays.

REQUIREMENTS:

Eligible applicants must be:

- A senior in high school, graduating and planning to enroll in post-secondary education in the same calendar year the award is presented.
- A U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen under state residency statutes.
- An Arizona resident actively enrolled in the JAG program at the time of high school graduation and during the period of award presentation.
- Free of conviction of any second or subsequent alcohol or drug-related misdemeanor or felony in any state within the past academic year.

DUE DATE: APRIL 3RD, 2022

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete the Scholarship Application Cover Page (attached).
2. Include a brief cover letter describing your college and career plans.
3. Complete and submit an Essay (minimum 500 words) in response to the prompt: “The Environment and Me”. Specifically the Essay should:
 - a. Describe why the environment is important to you and your community
 - b. Define a problem/issue related to environmental health
 - c. Describe your plan for addressing this problem/issue (keeping in mind the key principles identified above)
4. Complete required steps or admittance to the College of your choice, as well as other financial aid applications (FAFSA, scholarships, etc.) *Reference completed steps in cover letter.*
5. Submit all required attachments (Essay, Transcript and verification of College acceptance and FAFSA submission) to the JAG Central Office:

Via email: athena.lent@jagaz.org

****NOTE:** All essays submitted will be considered joint property of Jobs for Arizona’s Graduates, Inc., Republic Services, Inc. and the writer. Essays may be used in promotional material, websites, newsletters, etc.

AWARD: If awarded, JAG will release the \$1000 scholarship award directly to the college or institution at which the awardees are enrolled. Failure to enroll in the college or the institution where the funds will be released will result in the forfeiture of the award.

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT: Scholarship winners will be announced at the Career Development Conference, in April. Award recipients will be asked to read their winning essay(s) during the Luncheon event. In addition, Scholarship Winners may be required to present their essay, along with a progress report during the Fall 2022 Republic Services Quarterly Meeting.

APPLICATION COVER SHEET:



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Contact Information:

Name: _____ School: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Student Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent Phone: _____ Email: _____

Education & Career Information:

In order to invest financially in your education, we need to know all the steps you have taken to prepare yourself for college. Please provide as much information as possible in response to these questions:

Long-term Career Goal/Major: _____

1st Choice College: _____ 2nd Choice College: _____

Briefly describe how the schools you have selected will help you achieve your long-term goal, including your selected degree programs:

Please respond yes or no for each of the following in regards to your top 2 school choices:

Have you...	School #1:	School #2:
Applied?		
Been accepted? (include letters)		
Completed an orientation?		
Placement test score(s):		
Completed FAFSA?		

**Include letters of acceptance and copies of placement test scores with your application.*

If you responded "NO" to anything listed above, please explain:

Financial Aid Information:

Please list all scholarships you have applied for and their status (awarded, declined or pending)

Scholarship Name:	Awarded	Pending	Declined



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Category	Description/Standard	Score
<p>Message/Content: Writer conveys an understanding of environmental issues and a clear statement of impact.</p>	<p>Writer conveys a personal connection with the environment and the issue presented.</p> <p>Evidence of knowledge regarding the environmental issue discussed.</p> <p>Plan of impact is thoughtful and complete.</p> <p>Content reflects understanding of the key principles identified.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">___ / 40</p>
<p>Quality of Writing: Writer uses appropriate structure, language, grammar and punctuation to build the essay.</p>	<p>Key concepts are well-organized and demonstrate a logical progression from paragraph to paragraph.</p> <p>Presentation is thoughtful and engaging, using vivid language and details to deliver the message.</p> <p>Writer employs active voice and avoids use of slang.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">___ / 30</p>
<p>College Plan: Student demonstrates commitment to their college education through completion of key college planning steps.</p>	<p>Student has applied to and been accepted to the college of his/her choice.</p> <p>Student has completed the FAFSA, and/or applied for other financial aid.</p> <p>Student has taken appropriate college entrance exams.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">___ / 20</p>
<p>Academic Achievement: Student demonstrates a strong commitment to academic achievement.</p>	<p>Student has maintained a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Student has demonstrated academic improvement since joining JAG.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">___ / 10</p>
<p>TOTAL</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">___ / 100</p>