



John Aves Education Project

Guidance Notes and Application form for Scholarship Applicants

These Guidance Notes provide information on the John Aves Education Project (JAEP) scholarship criteria to guide you through completing the application form. JAEP is a UK registered charity (number 1170414). JAEP's aim is to empower disadvantaged young people in Palestine to fulfill their potential, through educational achievement, and better serve their community. JAEP offers scholarships to Palestinian students from Dheisheh camp, with impressive academic and community achievements, whose financial situation hinders them from pursuing undergraduate study at Palestinian universities.

Scholarship Criteria for the Academic year 2026/2027:

JAEP scholarships are usually offered for undergraduate courses and are awarded at whichever stage of the degree in order to meet the applicant's needs. Scholarships range between US\$ 1,000 to US\$ 6,000 depending on the course of study as well as JAEP's assessment of the student. Applicants with disability are encouraged to apply. Applications from a candidate whose sibling is currently being supported or considered by JAEP would not be prioritised. **All applicants must:**

- Be Palestinian nationals from disadvantaged backgrounds and in genuine need for funding;
- Live in Dheisheh camp and its vicinity;
- List or show evidence of other sources of funding if their university course costs more than the funding requested from JAEP;
- Apply for study locally at JAEP's partner educational institutions (which include Al Quds University and Bethlehem University and might expand to include Dar al-Kalima University College of Arts and Culture in the future);
- Have a **minimum** average of **83%** or above in the final High School examinations – *Tawjihi*;
- Have a minimum GPA of **75%** (if already at university);
Show evidence of voluntary work in their community; and
- Enclose the following with their application form:
 - (1) academic certificates and transcripts;**
 - (2) one academic reference letter from a core subject teacher; and**
 - (3) one volunteering/personal reference letter.**

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WITHOUT THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION
WILL NOT BE SHORTLISTED**

Applications and requested documents should be sent to ONE of the following educational institutions:

1) Applications for Al Quds University:

Ms Dana Dajani (or Dr Safa H. Dhaher)
Financial Aid Department
Al-Quds University
Email: financialaid@admin.alquds.edu

2) Applications for Bethlehem University:

Ms Sandy Bassous
Student Finance Manager
Finance Office
Bethlehem University
Email: sbassous@bethlehem.edu

3) Dar al-Kalima University College of Arts and Culture:

TBC - Applications for Dar al-Kalima University College of Arts and Culture are not open yet

TIMELINE:

- The **deadline** for submitting complete applications is **THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2026**.
- Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed in July/August (online). Applicants who are not shortlisted will be given feedback on their application **on request** to: info@jaep.org.uk
- Successful applicants will be notified in August / early September. Unsuccessful applicants will be given feedback on their interview **on request** to: info@jaep.org.uk

Notes:

- If the *Tawjihi* results or university offer letters are not announced by the time of the deadline, the applicant may send these as soon as they are available.
- As there is a high level of competition for scholarships, JAEP unfortunately has to reject several applicants each year, but they may apply again. If reapplying, **applicants need to submit a newly filled application with all the required attachments.**

APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN THE SPACES PROVIDED. PLEASE GIVE AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE AND MAKE SURE YOU ENCLOSE ALL THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS. Please **TYPE** in your answers. We do prefer that you type in your answers but if this is not possible then you may write your answers but please use black ink and write very clearly and legibly. Your information will be shared with JAEP Committee members and the educational institution you are applying to and may be shared with a third party if you were to be considered by a JAEP supporter. *Answer all questions as required and do not delete any questions.*

A. Personal Information:

1. First name:
 2. Father's name:
 3. Surname/Family name:
 4. Nationality:
 5. Male/Female:
 6. Date of birth:
 7. Place of birth:
 8. Marital status (single/ married/ engaged/ other, please specify):
 9. Do you have any children? If yes, include number of children (if applicable):
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B. Address / Contact details:

Are you currently living in Dheisheh camp? **(mark an X next to your answer):**

-Yes

-No

1. Permanent address:
2. Telephone (landline– Please add country dialling code):
3. Telephone (mobile– Please add country dialling code):
4. Email(s):
5. Skype/other social media ID:
6. Facebook:
7. Please include below the name and contact details of your primary Contact Person and their relationship to you (e.g. mother, father, etc):

- Name of your primary contact person:
- What is their relationship to you? (e.g. father, mother):
- Phone number (add country dialling code) and email of your primary contact person:

C. Family Details:

1. Your siblings:	Number
How many sisters do you have?	
How many of your sisters are still living in the same house with you?	
How many of your sisters are working?	
How many of your sisters are at school?	
How many of your sisters are at university?	
How many brothers do you have?	
How many of your brothers are still living in the same house with you?	
How many of your brothers are working?	
How many of your brothers are at school?	
How many of your brothers are at university?	

2. Is your father living in the same house as you? Yes / No
3. What is your father's occupation (work)?
4. Is your mother living in the same house as you? Yes / No
5. What is your mother's occupation (work)?
6. Aside from siblings and parents, who else is living with you in the **same** house? (include numbers and state relation for example your grandfather, grandmother, etc.):

D. Education:

High School:

1. Name of your High School:
2. Location of your High School:
3. High School (Tawjihi) Stream (mark an X next to your answer):
 - a. Scientific stream..... or b. Literature stream.....
4. Average grade for last school year completed:
5. *Tawjihi* grade (if available):
6. Year of graduation from High School

University:

1. Name of your university:
 2. Location of your university campus:
 3. Name of your department:
 4. Title of your university course (major/specialisation):
 5. Current university GPA:
 6. What year of study are you currently in?
 7. What is the duration of your course (how many years)?
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E. Finance:

1. What is your family/household average monthly income? (Please give a close estimate of income per month and include currency):
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2. Does your family have any other sources of income or financial support? (Mark an X next to your answer):
-Yes..... -No.....
3. How many **working** members are there in your family household (living with you)? (insert number)
4. Please list the job (s) of each working member in your family household (e.g. clerk, doctor, teacher, labourer)
First working member:
Second working member:
Third working member.....
Other working members.....
5. Do you have any financial responsibilities, if yes please explain?
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6. Applicants with disability are encouraged to apply. Please describe any disabilities or health issues you have (or put an 'X' below if this does not apply to you).
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7. How much funding are you requesting from JAEP per year? Please include the annual amount requested and currency:
8. Are you already receiving any other scholarship funding? (Mark an X next to your answer):
 -Yes..... -No.....
9. Will the JAEP funding (question 7) and the other scholarship funding (question 8) fully cover your annual tuition and educational costs?
 -Yes..... -No.....
10. If your answer to question 9 above is No, please tell us how will you meet the remaining costs and list your other source(s) of funding (and provide documented proof where possible).

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F. Voluntary, Work and Other Experience:

1. Please list and describe **voluntary** work you have undertaken:

(A) Name of institution:

Responsibilities (nature of work and tasks):

Date(s) and duration:

(B) Name of institution:

Responsibilities (nature of work and tasks):

Date(s) and duration:

(C) IF YOU HAVE NOT ENGAGED IN ANY VOLUNTARY EXPERIENCE TO DATE PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY:

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2. Please list and describe below all **paid or unpaid jobs (internships)** you have held to date (or put an 'X' below if this does not apply to you).

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G. Current situation:

What are you currently doing? Please tick (X) all answers that apply to you.

Studying

Working

Volunteering

Other (please specify)

H. Interests and Future:

1. Please tell us about your hobbies and community/voluntary work and explain what you have gained from these experiences **(please respond with a minimum of 100 words):**

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2. What is your university subject (Major) and why did you choose this subject? **(please respond with a minimum of 100 words words):**

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3. What are your future career plans? How will your chosen subject help you achieve this? Please be as detailed as you can **(please respond with a minimum of 100 words):**

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4. How do you plan to serve and help your community during your time at university and after you graduate from university? How will your chosen subject help you do this? **(please respond with a minimum of 100 words):**

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I. REFEREES

PLEASE PROVIDE BELOW THE DETAILS OF YOUR **TWO DESIGNATED REFEREES** (AND IF POSSIBLE INCLUDE THEIR *PROFESSIONAL* EMAIL ADDRESSES). WE NEED **ONE ACADEMIC REFEREE AND ONE VOLUNTEERING/PERSONAL REFEREE**. WE MAY CONTACT THE REFEREES IF YOU ARE SHORTLISTED.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE REFEREES CANNOT BE RELATED TO YOU. THE REFERENCE LETTERS CAN BE PROVIDED IN EITHER ENGLISH OR ARABIC.

1. ACADEMIC REFEREE (IF YOU ARE AT UNIVERSITY THE REFEREE SHOULD BE SOMEONE WHO TAUGHT YOU AT LEAST ONE OF YOUR CORE MAJOR/SPECIALISATION COURSES)

Name:
Position and job:
Email address:
Telephone number(s):
Address:
How long have you known this referee?
What is his/her relationship to you?

2. VOLUNTEERING/PERSONAL REFEREE (NOT A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER BUT SOMEONE FROM THE COMMUNITY WHO HAS KNOWN YOU FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS)

Name:
Position and job:
Email address:
Telephone number(s):
Address:
How long have you known this referee?
What is his/her relationship to you?

J. About JAEP

How did you hear about JAEP scholarships? (for example: from a friend, a fellow student, your university website, your university staff, the JAEP website, etc). **Please list your answer(s) here:**

VERY IMPORTANT: Make sure you answer all questions on this form and include all requested documents. Failure to do so may result in not shortlisting you for an interview or not selecting you for a scholarship. MAKE SURE YOU SUBMIT ALL THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Copies of School Certifications for eleventh and twelfth classes
2. Copy of your Tawjihi Transcript (exam results), if available
3. Two references (recommendation letters).
4. Copy of your personal ID card
5. Latest university transcript (or offer letter from the university if you have not commenced university yet).

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MAKE SURE YOU CAREFULLY READ THE FOLLOWING. YOU NEED TO SIGN AND DATE THE APPLICATION FORM.

I certify that my answers to questions on this form as well as any supporting information/documents that I have provided are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also confirm that I have filled out this application form and that it is all my own work.

By submitting this application form, and should I be awarded a JAEP scholarship, I also agree to:

- Undertake community service with educational / social projects during the holidays;
- Be an active member of the JAEP community while at university and after my graduation;
- Share progress updates and transcripts with JAEP (directly and/or through my university);
- Allow JAEP to share my contact information with other JAEP students for the purpose of networking;
- Allow JAEP to report on my activities, academic and career progress to its donors and in its publications, including its website;
- Perform to my best ability with the understanding that my JAEP scholarship could be terminated if I fail to do so.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:

DATE:

Note to applicants: JAEP abides to the UK's Data Protection including the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR). JAEP will delete your application form from its archive after a certain period of time (normally five years for unsuccessful applicants and after graduation for those who go on to become JAEP students). JAEP will only share your scholarship application form with a third party if you were to be considered by one of JAEP's supporters.