

# Frequently asked Questions and Answers:

How do I become a JSCC Ambassador?

- All interested students must complete an Ambassador application and submit at least one letter of recommendation (from a teacher, counselor, club or student group sponsor, principal etc.) with the application
- All completed applications are reviewed each spring semester for the following academic year
- All applicants that submit in a completed application will be contacted for an interview

Where can I find the Ambassador Application?

- The Ambassador application can found on our web page <http://faculty.jeffstateonline.com/ambassadors/> under the Application link
- Interested applicants can also ask their high school counselors for this information (The Advisors send new applications to the surrounding high schools every fall semester)
- Interested applicants can also contact the Advisors regarding this information, which is also listed on our web page

Can I apply online?

- No, currently we do not accept online Ambassador applications
- All applications must be mailed or hand delivered to the Advisors by the deadline date

How are new Ambassadors chosen/elected?

- Newly elected Ambassadors will be chosen by a selection committee based on their application, interview, GPA, leadership skills, interest in student involvement and future goals
- Newly selected applicants will be contacted by phone and sent (by mail) written verification of their acceptance

Is there a GPA or ACT score requirement for applying?

- No, there is not a GPA or ACT score requirement for applying; although, ALL selected Ambassadors must maintain at least a 3.0 each semester while on scholarship

Who makes up the selection committee?

- Typically, the selection committee consists of the graduating Ambassador President and Vice President, the Ambassador Advisors and other staff members of JSCC
- The Ambassador Advisors will make the final choice for newly elected Ambassadors

What are the responsibilities of being a JSCC Ambassador?

- New Ambassadors are *required* to attend a mandatory Orientation Workshop (1 day) that is usually scheduled during the summer semester
- Work a minimum of 5 hours per week in a designated area on campus - assigned by the Ambassador Advisor
- Maintain at least a 3.0 GPA each semester
- Serve as official hosts and hostesses for college and community sponsored events
- Be available for daytime, evening and weekend events
- Conduct campus tours at all locations (Jefferson, Shelby, Pell City and Clanton)
- Attend Leadership Conferences and Seminars (some may include traveling out of state)
- Coordinate community service projects
- Complete a 1 hour credit Ambassador Humanities Course in the fall and spring semesters ( the day and time will be scheduled by the Ambassador Advisors)
- Coordinate ALL New Student Orientations
- Help coordinate fundraising events
- Be involved in other student organizations and events
- Represent Jefferson State at all times
- Stay in good standing with college and community
- Abide by the Ambassador Code of Conduct and Demerit System

What kind of events/conferences will I attend?

- Ambassadors help greet special guests during President Receptions, Graduation Ceremonies, Honors Convocation, Diversity Conferences, community events, etc.
- Our group attends an annual Student Leadership Conference (SLI) every summer. This conference is hosted by another junior college in Alabama.
- We attend an annual retreat during the fall semester. This retreat consists of 3 days and 2 nights. (Mandatory for All Ambassadors to attend)
- Ambassadors also attend all fundraising events or activities sponsored by this organization and other clubs of the college

Do I currently have to be enrolled at Jefferson State before I can apply?

- No, most interested applicants are seniors in high school
- *Anyone* who is currently or will be attending Jefferson State may apply (providing they are either about to graduate high school, have graduated high school, or received a GED)

Are there scholarships available?

- Yes, 18 Ambassadors scholarships are awarded each year

What does the scholarship pay for?

- Payment for all Tuition and Fees up to 2 years (books are NOT included)

Can I receive additional Financial Aid while having an Ambassador Scholarship?

- Yes, (if you qualify) Ambassadors may receive additional funding through Financial Aid

Do I have to maintain a certain GPA while being an Ambassador?

- Yes, all Ambassadors must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA every semester

Do I have to be considered a full-time student while serving as an Ambassador?

- Yes, all Ambassadors must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours for the fall and spring semesters
- All Ambassadors have to complete at least 24 credit hours for the fall and spring semesters combined

What are the rewards/advantages for being an Ambassador?

- Most Ambassadors will receive a semester by semester scholarship up to 2 years that includes tuition and fees
- Ambassadors attend several leadership conferences and seminars throughout the year to strengthen their communication, speech and leadership skills
- Ambassadors are given a banquet at the end of the spring semester, hosted by the Ambassador Advisors and other staff members of the college
- Ambassadors receive several free t-shirts to wear for events
- Ambassadors are recognized during the JSCC graduation ceremony by having their names printed in the program
- One Ambassador is chosen every spring semester to receive the Jim Blackburn Ambassador of the Year Award during the JSCC Honors Convocation
- Being part of our organization looks great on other scholarship opportunities, resumes, and admissions application if you plan to transfer

Do I have to re-apply each year?

- Yes, all new and current Ambassadors must re-apply and complete the interview process each Spring semester for the following academic year

Are all events and meetings mandatory?

- Absolutely, **ALL events and meetings are mandatory** unless specified otherwise by the Ambassador Advisor

Will I be required to travel to various Jefferson State Campuses?

- Yes, all Ambassadors at some point will be asked to travel to the various locations
- It is required for all Ambassadors to have reliable means of transportation

Is there a President/Vice President for the Ambassadors?

- Yes, typically the President and Vice President are returning Ambassadors
- These elections are held each Spring semester by the current Ambassadors

- The newly elected officers will take over these roles at the beginning of each Fall semester

Do they receive additional money or scholarship awards?

- No, any officer will receive the same scholarship award as the other Ambassadors (tuition and fees)