

## JSNEC 2025 Scholarship Criteria and Considerations

The objective of the Jump\$tart NEC Scholarship program is to advance financial literacy by bringing PreK-12 personal finance teachers to a national conference to discover information, ideas, resources, and a network of fellow educators from across the country.

### Eligibility

Scholarship applicants must be licensed PreK-12 classroom teachers:

- Based in the United States or its territories or in a school serving U.S. citizens (*such as on a military base*).
- Currently employed by a PreK-12 public, private, or charter school, school district or school system –or– with confirmed employment at a PreK-12 public, private, or charter school, school district or school system for the 2025-26 school year.
- With at least one full school year of teaching experience, as well as plans to teach for at least one full school year following the event.

### Criteria

Jump\$tart and its supporters seek teachers who, through their application, can demonstrate:

- Their passion for and personal commitment to financial literacy for students.
- The impact they have had and/or expect to have on the students they teach.
- A need/desire/plan for seeking the information, ideas, resources, and networking offered at the conference.

### Priorities

- Jump\$tart will select scholarship recipients with the goal of spreading support across the country.
- Jump\$tart may select more heavily from some geographic areas and/or from some demographic categories based on preferences specified by the donors.
- Jump\$tart strives for a participation ratio of 30% returning attendees and 60% first-timers<sup>1</sup>; leaving 10% as discretionary either way.

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<sup>1</sup> First-timers will be defined as never attended the conference before, or who have not attended the conference in the last two years.

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### Conditions

Scholarship recipients agree to:

- Arrange and/or pay for their own travel and incidental expenses. (*Scholarships include two hotel nights and six conference meals.*)
- Complete the online scholarship application by **August 15, 2025**.
- Register for the conference by **September 19, 2025**, which indicates their acceptance of the scholarship –or– notify Jump\$Start in writing of their decision to decline the scholarship by September 18, 2025 –or– contact Jump\$Start directly to request additional time, if necessary.<sup>2</sup>
- A \$100 refundable deposit, which will be charged upon registration-and will be refunded shortly after the conclusion of the event, based on your confirmed participation.
- Attend and participate fully in the entire conference and arrange travel accordingly.
- Agree to follow the health and safety protocols established by the Boston Park Plaza Hotel as well as the ordinances placed by the city of Boston, MA.
- Send a note of thanks to their scholarship provider.

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<sup>2</sup> Applicants are asked to confirm their ability to attend the conference if selected, prior to the close of the scholarship application period. Applicants who are awarded a scholarship and decline it after the registration deadline may be precluded from future scholarship opportunities.