**BILLIE JEAN TURNER-WALLER 5 A AWARD**

**CRITERION/GUIDELINES FOR THE “5 A AWARD”**

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**Purpose of this Quarterly Award**

This award was created in horror and memory of Billie Jean Turner. For many years, Billie was seen by many Jones Family members as the heart and soul of the Jones Educational Fund.

This award is given to the student who earns an A in five (5) of the core subjects defined later in this criterion and guideline. An A in a core subject not identified in this criterion/guideline will not qualify a student for this 5 A award. Questions raised about what is a core subject will be decided by a majority of JEF officers.

This quarterly award will not be activated until the beginning of the second quarter of the school year 24/25. The granting of this award, as is true of all awards, depends upon the availability of funds.

This award, as is true of all JEF student awards / rewards, falls under the administrative responsibility of the JEF’s administrative officer and his/her team.

**Eligibility**

Family members in grades fourth through eleventh are eligible for this special award. Students in grades 1st through 3rd are not eligible for this special quarterly award.

**Submission Process**

The student and his or her parents will complete and submit the Billie Jean Turner-Waller 5 A award submission form on the Jones family website arkansasjonesfamily.com. This is **the preferred way** to submit the application. A copy of the completed paper application may as a last resort be allowed to be texted or emailed to the administrative officer, but this will be rare because it slows the administrative process.

The parents’ name in the submission form will tell the JEF that the parent has reviewed and confirmed the accuracy of grades submitted. If there are questions about a grade or any other matter, a parent or student may be contacted by a JEF officer for additional information. A copy of the student’s official report card may be requested by the JEF.

The total number of A’s a student will be paid for is five (5) and all courses paid for must be CORE courses. Applications submitted later that 14 calendar days after the close of the semester will not be considered unless there are compelling circumstances as determined by the JEF president or the majority of JEF officers.

**Core subjects**

1. English / language arts--This includes literature, writing and communications skills.
2. Mathematics courses--this includes algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculus, and like courses.
3. Science--this includes subjects such as biology, chemistry, physics, earth science, and computer science
4. Social studies / history --This includes history, government, and economics.
5. Foreign languages and Fine Arts like music or visual art, and physical education

**Timely Processing**

The administrative officer and his or her team and the JEF treasurer will work to assure that the award is presented to the student or parent as soon as possible--normally within five calendar days after final administrative approval.

 Should the administrative officer and his/her assistants or the treasurer need assistance getting the awards paid timely, assistance will be given first by the JEF vice president and then by other officers as requested. The timely processing of all awards/rewards is especially important!

As the JEF works to upgrade its processes, monetary rewards for this and all other JEF programs may be electronically transferred into a parent’s or student’s bank account. Parents, please assure that your child’s link between his or her hard work and this reward is strong.

**Compensation for this Award**

This is an add-on Special Award. Students who win this award will first be rewarded under the “Making the Grade” program. This Special Award and it’s payment amount is in addition to the “Making the Grade” amount. The additional payment amount for this award for school year 24/25 is $15. After consultation with the LLC President, this $15 may be higher or lower in future school years depending upon available funds.

This special award / reward may be given in the form of a check, cash, a gift, credit card, a movie ticket or baseball game ticket etc. This is decided solely by the JEF. Should the compensation be other than money, the value of the compensation in school year 2024/25 will be roughly equivalent9 to $15.

For students in grades four through eight, the monetary award may be given to the student’s parents. An award certificate or trophy may also be given. While a student may win this award several times during the school year, the award trophy will only be given to the same student once in a given school year.

**Funding and Frequency**

While funding for this award will normally be paid out of funds received annually from the Jones family LLC, individual family members or a group of family members may volunteer to give money to the JEF to help fund this or any other JEF award. Please see the donation form on the Jones family’s website arkansasjonesfamily.com.

The person or persons contributing money may be recognized on the family's website unless they choose not to be recognized. Students should be recognized on the family website each time the award is earned. There is no limit on the number of times a student may earn either of the Special Awards.

This is the end of the criterion and guideline for the **BILLIE JEAN TURNER-WALLER 5 A AWARD.** \*