

**JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY
FATHER OWENS AWARD
DESCRIPTION AND GUIDELINES**

This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding Junior Education student who best exemplifies the values of scholarship, leadership, and service that Father Owens championed during his tenure in the department. Father Joseph Owens, S.J. was a member of the Department of Education from its founding in 1935 to his retirement in 1987. Father Owens was instrumental in building teacher education at John Carroll University into one of the Ohio's premier professional programs.

Requirements: Requirements consist of an overall grade point average of at least 3.0, three letters of recommendation from university faculty (to include one from the Department of Education and School Psychology), and an essay.

The selection process: A selection committee comprised of members of the Department of Education and School Psychology, after reviewing applications, will select three finalists based on their meeting the requirements for the award. Finalists are interviewed by the committee and selection is based on academic achievement, strength of recommendations and essay, and quality of the interview. *The deadline for applications and supporting documentation is the last Friday in February of each academic year.*

The scholarship amount is \$1,000. The scholarship fund's principal may increase in future years through gifts made by friends inclined to continue their support.

Applications Please complete the fields in the following application form and e-mail the completed form along with the required essay to Debbie Nixon at dnixon@jcu.edu.

**Application for the
FATHER OWENS AWARD**

Name _____
 Last **First** **MI**

Local Address _____

JCU Box # _____ Local Phone _____

Email _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Grade Point Average _____

Criteria:

- Minimum GPA 3.0
- Three letters of recommendation (one from member of Department of Education and School Psychology) submitted directly to Awards Committee, Department of Education and School Psychology.

List References:

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

- Essay (three or four typed, double-spaced pages): “Please explain a recent education reform or innovation that you find compelling. Take a position in support of, or in opposition to your topic and defend.”
- Finalists interview with departmental awards committee.

Deadline for submission of application, letters of recommendation, and essay:
the last Friday in February of each academic year.

Submit materials to:
Debbie Nixon
AD 310
Department of Education and School Psychology