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In 1986, the Jesse L. Parks Scholarship was established. It is awarded annually to demonstrate the commitment of Springfield College to the city of Springfield and the diverse population that the city and the College serve.

Each year, members of the Jesse L. Parks Scholarship Committee select one high school senior who lives in Springfield for a full-tuition scholarship at Springfield College. Applicants must demonstrate academic achievement, involvement in community service, and commitment to multicultural values.

This scholarship is a one-year full-tuition scholarship that may be renewed annually for a recipient who maintains strong academic performance.



Past Jesse L. Parks Scholarship recipients representing a variety of majors at Springfield College include, from left, Alyssa Smith, Shakita Williams, Samantha Simmons, Trae'von Taylor, Bashir Abdul-Waddud, Robbin Jones Jr., Eriq Jones, and Anthony Hill, EdD, who also serves as a faculty member in the School of Social Work and Behavioral Sciences.

Recipients of the Jesse L. Parks Scholarship have included students from Roger L. Putnam Academy High School, Springfield Renaissance High School, High School of Science and Technology, Central High School, and Baystate Academy.

How to apply:

1. The undergraduate **Common Application** must be submitted to Springfield College and is considered complete when it includes a transcript and one personal reference.

*Students applying to the physical therapy, physician assistant, occupational therapy, athletic training, or education programs may be asked to submit test scores.. All other programs are test optional.

2. **Jesse L. Parks Scholarship essay** (maximum 500 words): Please see reverse for Jesse L. Parks' biography. After reading about how Jesse L. Parks exemplified the Humanics philosophy at Springfield College, write an essay that shares how you make a difference in your community.

Choose **one** way to send in your essay:

- Email: admissions@springfield.edu
(ATTN: Jesse Parks Scholarship)
- Mail: Jesse L. Parks Scholarship
c/o Springfield College
Office of Undergraduate Admissions
263 Alden Street
Springfield, MA 01109-3797

3. Submit a completed **FAFSA** (fafsa.ed.gov) and indicate Springfield College.

4. **Schedule a Jesse L. Parks Scholarship interview** with the Springfield College Office of Undergraduate Admissions by calling (413) 748-3136 or emailing admissions@springfield.edu.

Deadlines:

- Early notification **March 19**
- General notification **April 12**



Jesse L. Parks, PhD

Jesse L. Parks exemplified the Humanics philosophy, which focuses on the education of the spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service. Before his death, Parks had been a Springfield College faculty member for 23 years and selected as 1983-84 Distinguished Springfield Professor of Humanics, an illustrious honor at the College.

As the director of the graduate physical education program at Springfield College, Parks also assisted leaders in education in several nations with establishing college and secondary school physical education programs. Additionally, he devoted time to developing leaders in African nations. He was deeply committed to multiculturalism, and worked to bridge

gaps between people of all races, economic situations, and educational levels. He also worked ardently to strengthen relationships between Springfield College and the local community.

The Jesse L. Parks Scholarship honors Parks' contribution to Springfield College, his profession, and the City of Springfield, and affirms the Springfield College commitment to multiculturalism.



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