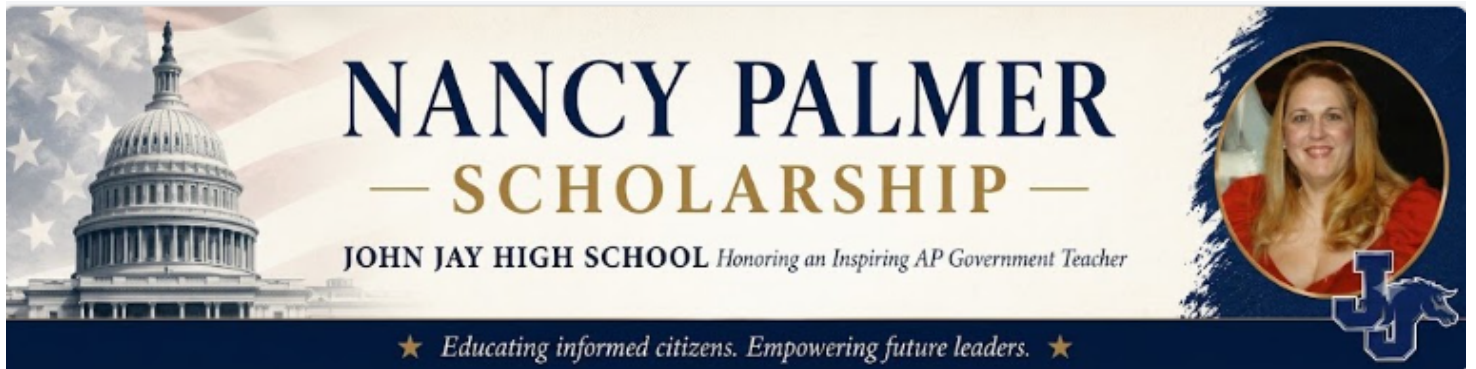




About Nancy Palmer

Nancy Palmer lived a life defined by curiosity, service, and an unwavering commitment to making a difference in her community. A graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School, she earned her degree from Southern Methodist University in 1974. Nancy immediately made her mark as a trailblazer, working as one of the first female sportscasters in the Dallas area—complete with a syndicated sports column featured in newspapers across Texas, including The Dallas Morning News. Shortly after college, she also launched the first nationwide marketing campaign for La Quinta Inns, earning high praise from company founder Sam Barshop.

Driven by a desire to work in public service, Nancy moved to Washington, D.C., where her sharp instincts quickly led her to the West Wing of the White House under President Ronald Reagan from 1981 to 1984. Serving in the Legislative Affairs Department under Ken Duberstein, she helped build bipartisan relationships to pass key administration priorities, an experience in cross-aisle collaboration that remained a proud cornerstone of her career. Nancy returned home in 1984 to care for her father, bringing her signature energy back to Texas. Over the next decade, she worked as a realtor, led the Leadership San Antonio program for the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, managed Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison's pivotal 1993 and 1994 election campaigns, and coordinated the 1996 Bexar County Victory Program.

In 1999, Nancy discovered her ultimate passion when she earned her teaching credentials and joined the faculty at John Jay High School. Over a distinguished 20-plus-year career, she transitioned from journalism and yearbook advisor to teaching Advanced Placement Government—her true love. Nancy mentored students through UIL competitions, consistently coaching them to district, regional, and state honors before her retirement at the end of 2021. Outside the classroom, she was a true polymath: a Master Gardener who edited the Bexar County newsletter, a passionate genealogist and former president of the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society, a church choir singer, and an avid collector of recipes. Energetic and deeply social, Nancy was happiest when busy, filling her life with lifelong learning, civic dedication, and cherished time with friends.

Nancy Palmer Scholarship

The Nancy Palmer Scholarship was established in 2026 to assist a graduating John Jay High School or John Jay Science & Engineering Academy High School senior who plans to attend the college/university of their choice to prepare for a career OR a former graduate of John Jay High School or John Jay Science & Engineering Academy High School.

Jay HS Seniors: Scholarship winners will be formally announced prior to graduation.

Former Jay HS Students: Scholarship winners will be notified via email before June.

The monetary value of the scholarship is \$5,000. Checks will be mailed directly to the college/university that the student will attend in the current academic year.

Information relevant to the Nancy Palmer Scholarship is listed below.

Scholarship Amount, Structure and Distribution

- **Duration of the Endowment:** The scholarship fund will operate for ten (10) calendar years after its establishment. The endowment was established in 2026 and will expire in 2036.
- **Number of Scholarships Awarded in a Calendar Year:** Up to ten (10) scholarships will be awarded per calendar year as determined by the Scholarship Review Committee.
- **Scholarship Amount:** \$5,000
- **Maximum Total Distribution Per Calendar Year:** The total amount of scholarships awarded in a calendar year may not exceed \$50,000.
- **Preference and Priority shall be given to former AP Government Students at John Jay High School who were taught by Nancy Palmer. Scholarships may be awarded to support undergraduate and post-graduate education programs.**

Scholarship Award Priority - Scholarships will be awarded according to:

- **Priority 1:** Former students of Nancy Palmer who were taught by her in her **AP Government** classes at John Jay HS and John Jay Science and Engineering Academy HS
- **Priority 2:** Former students of Nancy Palmer who were taught by her in other courses at John Jay HS and John Jay Science and Engineering Academy HS
- **Priority 3:** Any senior who will graduate this school year from John Jay HS or John Jay Science and Engineering Academy HS and who demonstrates financial need (**Note:** Only *current seniors who will graduate this school year are eligible to apply*)

Scholarship Eligibility and Use of Funds

Who is eligible to apply for the Nancy Palmer Scholarship:

- Former AP Government students at John Jay High School and John Jay Science and Engineering High School who were taught by Nancy Palmer
- Any former students taught by Nancy Palmer in other courses
- Any graduates of John Jay High School or John Jay Science and Engineering High School who demonstrate financial need
 - Financial Need: Describe any special financial circumstances that demonstrate financial need (e.g., family medical expenses, household size, number of siblings, changes in employment of self and/or parents, supporting dependents, family emergencies, natural disasters,) that impact your ability to pay for college.
- A current John Jay High School or John Jay Science and Engineering Academy High School senior graduating in 2027 who will be enrolled as full-time student in a College or University in the Summer or Fall 2027 session AND pursuing a degree.
- Scholarship funds are limited to supporting eligible students who are enrolled in undergraduate and post-graduate education programs in any field of study.
- Be in good academic standing (Have a G.P.A. of 70 or above)
- Upon award, provide proof of acceptance to one or more learning institutions upon notification. (If acceptance has not been received by the time of application for this scholarship, proof of submission of the college application will suffice pending notification of acceptance).
- ***Submit the online application by 11:59 pm, Thursday, January 7, 2027***

Scholarship Review Committee

- The committee will consist of 4-6 reviewers.
- Committee members will be comprised of Jay High School and Jay Science and Engineering High School staff, the NEF Director (or designee), and the Grants & Recognitions Director (or designee).
- No committee member can be the parent/guardian or family member of a student who is applying for the scholarship.

Application Process

- To access the application, click here (link: <https://forms.gle/CQR9vR3pneuHkiph7>)
- ***Applications must be received by 11:59 pm, Thursday, January 7, 2027.***
- For questions contact **[Insert Jay Contact]**

Review Process

- The Scholarship Committee will receive a copy of all completed applications.
- Incomplete applications will not be scored.

- A rubric will be used to evaluate and to ensure impartiality.

Notification and Awarding of Scholarship

- The recipient and their high school counselor will be notified so that the scholarship can be announced during the graduation ceremony.
- The scholarship recipient may be announced on social media platforms once the award has been presented.
- Once proof of enrollment is established, a check for \$5,000 will be sent to the student's account at the college/university by the Northside Education Foundation (NEF) on behalf of the Nancy Palmer Endowment Scholarship Funds.

Application Questions

Priority 1 and Priority 2: Former Students of Nancy Palmer

Legal Name at the time you were enrolled at John Jay High School First Name/Last Name

Current Name (First Name/Last Name)

Last 4 digits of your social security number

Email

Phone Number

Name of NISD High School that you graduated from

What year did you graduate?

Birthday

What class did you take with Nancy Palmer?

NISD Student ID # (not required)

Are you currently enrolled in a college or university?

If you are a current student, what is the name of the college or university you currently attend?

If you are enrolled, are you in an undergraduate or post-graduate program?

Do you plan to attend the same college or university in the summer or fall of 27-28?

If you are NOT currently enrolled, will you enroll in an undergraduate or post-graduate program?

If you are NOT currently enrolled, what college or university will you enroll in in summer or fall of 27-28?

Enrollment verification is required. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the college or university in support of tuition expenses.

In 500 words or less, describe yourself and discuss your future academic/career plans. What experiences or influences led you to pursue this career? What specific qualities, skills or passions do you possess that you believe make you well-suited for this career?

The Scholarship Committee will consider the whole person. In 500 words or less, please briefly describe any experiences, challenges, uniqueness, creativity and/or extra effort you would like the committee to recognize.

Priority 3: Current John Jay HS or John Jay Science and Engineering Academy HS Seniors

Student Name

Student NISD Email

Student Personal Email

NISD Student ID#

Name of NISD High School currently enrolled in

Parent or Guardian Name

Parent or Guardian Email

High School Counselor Name

High School Counselor's NISD email - Please note that your high school counselor will receive an email to confirm that you are in good academic standing and are on track to graduate at the end of the 2026-2027 school year.

In 500 words or less, describe yourself and discuss your future academic/career plans. What experiences or influences led you to pursue this career? What specific qualities, skills or passions do you possess that you believe make you well-suited for this career?

In 500 words or less, explain your financial need. Do you have to pay your own tuition? Will you work and go to school? Describe any special, unquantifiable financial circumstances (e.g., family medical expenses, household size, number of siblings, changes in employment of self and/or parents, supporting dependents, family emergencies, natural disasters, etc.) that impact your ability to pay for college.

List extracurricular activities you participated in while in high school (Clubs, Athletics, Choir, Theater, Debate, Church, Scouts, etc. and any offices held in each)

List any honors, awards and/or achievements received while in high school (Clubs, Athletics, Awards, Offices held, and etc.)

List any volunteer work and/or employment you participated in while in high school (Church, Community Services, Work and etc.)

The Scholarship Committee will consider the whole person. In 500 words or less, please briefly describe any experiences, challenges, uniqueness, creativity and/or extra effort you would like the committee to recognize.