



JONESBORO EDUCATION TRUST, CITY OF JONESBORO, CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

Jonesboro Education Trust (JET)

Building Aspirations Through Civic Engagement

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Parent Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Jonesboro Education Trust?

The Jonesboro Education Trust, or JET, is a pilot civic engagement and educational opportunity initiative for Jonesboro students and families. It is designed to encourage financial literacy, civic involvement, leadership development, educational planning, and long-term goal setting beginning in kindergarten.

Who can participate in the JET Pilot Program?

The 2026 to 2027 pilot program is designed for incoming kindergarten students who reside within the City of Jonesboro and whose families voluntarily choose to participate.

The first pilot cohort is expected to serve 25 students.

Does the City of Jonesboro hold the money?

No. The City of Jonesboro does not hold funds, manage bank accounts, maintain financial account records, or serve as a fiduciary for student or family accounts.

Families maintain ownership and control of any account opened for their child. The account is maintained by the financial institution selected by the family.

What kind of bank account is required?

Participating families may open a deposit-only savings account for their child at the financial institution of their choice.

The account remains family owned and is administered by the selected financial institution, not by the City or the schools.

Is participation free?

Yes. Participation in the JET pilot is free for selected families.

Family contributions to any savings account are voluntary and optional.

How are students selected?

Eligible students may be selected through a transparent lottery process if the number of interested families exceeds the number of available pilot spots.

Eligibility and participation requirements will be governed by program guidelines.

What kinds of activities are part of JET?

Activities may include financial literacy workshops, family engagement opportunities, civic engagement activities, community service projects, leadership development, educational exposure events, and milestone recognition activities.

Participation opportunities may vary based on available resources, scheduling, sponsor support, and program guidelines.

Does participation guarantee money?

No. Participation in JET does not guarantee money, account contributions, account growth, sponsorship support, or any future financial benefit.

Participation may support eligibility for milestone recognition, educational engagement experiences, leadership exposure, and future sponsor supported opportunities, but all such opportunities remain subject to available funding, sponsor participation, separate guidelines, and applicable rules.

What can future sponsor-supported opportunities be used for?

Future sponsor-supported educational or opportunity-related support may be

intended for long-term educational, workforce, and economic advancement.

Eligible future uses may include post-secondary education, workforce development programs, trade certifications, entrepreneurship pathways, and future homeownership opportunities, subject to applicable sponsor agreements, financial institution rules, and program guidelines.

What happens if my family moves?

Families retain ownership of any family-owned account maintained through their selected financial institution.

However, future eligibility for sponsor-supported participation opportunities, milestone recognition, or other program activities may change if residency or other program eligibility requirements are no longer met.

When does the program begin?

The pilot program is expected to launch during the 2026 to 2027 school year, subject to completion of required program guidelines, banking arrangements, parent forms, school coordination, and other implementation steps.

Who can I contact for more information?

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