**AST Education Department:**

**Big Jim Youth Awards**

Absentee Shawnee High school **seniors** of both genders within the 50 United States are eligible to apply for these awards for the 2024-25 academic year.

* **Applications will be accepted from January 1, 8 am CST to February 28, 2025, 5 pm CST.**
  + **All applications and supporting documents must be postmarked (mail) or received (in person or email) by February 28th at 5:00 pm CST. Our network may quarantine emails from Gmail accounts so please call or email to make sure applications and documents have been received.**
  + **Documents received after the deadline will not be reviewed by judges.**
  + **Official transcripts will be accepted via email, from school personnel, or as a hard copy. Faxed copies will not be accepted.**

The official application form is available at [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com) on the Education page under the Services tab. The $1,000.00 award is in the form of a scholarship to the school where the award recipient will attend for the fall 2025 semester. The scholarship must be used for the fall 2025 semester.

Applications are for the following awards:

* Big Jim Academic Achievement Award (Male and Female)
* Big Jim Athlete of the Year (Male and Female)

Please refer to the application for required documents. Eligible applications will be judged by a panel of (non-AST) experts assembled specifically for this purpose. The intent is to bring together an unbiased group of experts to evaluate the applicants in an impartial and unbiased environment. Their decisions are final with respect to all matters concerning these awards. **Awards will be announced at a date to be determined after April/May 2025.**

Award recipients will be recognized as the 2024-25 Big Jim Academic Achievement Award winner or the Big Jim Athlete of the Year. In addition to this recognition the award recipients will receive the **$1,000.00** scholarship to be used towards their education and the advancement of their career.

Questions on these awards program should be addressed to:

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