



## JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA, INC SOUTH SUBURBAN CHICAGO CHAPTER 2024 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### ORGANIZATION/OPPORTUNITY

Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated is a National Organization which was organized on January 24, 1938 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania by the late Marion Stubbs Thomas. Today the organization is comprised of over 262 chapters nationwide with over 50,000 family members.

The mission of our organization is dedicated to nurturing future African-American leaders by strengthening children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving and civic duty. This is achieved through organizing activities and community service initiatives that not only operate to benefit the children of the members of our organization but the children of the very communities where we reside.

The South Suburban Chicago Chapter was organized in 1976 and has been recognized for our outstanding children's programming and long history of providing scholarships to local high school students in our community. Our scholarships are funded through the voluntary efforts of our members. These efforts are an extension of our dedication and pride in promoting leadership development among youth.

### SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. African-American student with a demonstrated financial need, attending school and residing in the South Suburban Chicago area;
2. Currently enrolled in senior year of high school;
3. Cumulative unweighted GPA of 2.7 or higher;
4. Provide two letters of recommendation: one must be from a teacher; the second recommendation can be from a teacher or any other school staff member; and
5. Must be accepted to an accredited four-year college or university for the 2024-2025 school year. Acceptance to a two-year college will also be considered.

### APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

All documents, including supporting materials, must be sent via email to **[scholarship@jackandjillsscc.com](mailto:scholarship@jackandjillsscc.com)**. The application must be received on or before **Saturday, March 30, 2024**. Late applications will not be considered. Information provided will be maintained confidentially and used for purposes stated for this initiative only. **Be sure to proofread all parts of the 'application checklist' paying close attention to the essay which is a significant component in evaluating your application.**

1. **Completed application**
2. **Completed student essay**
3. **Two letters of recommendation: (1) teacher and (2) teacher or other school staff member**
4. **An official copy of your high school transcript**



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**APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Type or print clearly and attach additional sheets, if needed.
2. Attach an essay, 500 words or less for **one** of the following questions:
  - \* Discuss an accomplishment, event, idea, concept, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others;
  - \* What do you feel are the most significant issues facing the world today? Why?; and
  - \* How you plan to make a difference in the world?
3. Attach two Letters of Recommendation: one must be from a teacher; the second recommendation can be from a teacher or any other school staff member;
4. Attach an official copy of your high school transcript.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt/Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E- mail \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

Parent/Caregiver's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Parent/Caregiver's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Are you eligible for the Free Lunch program?

Yes

No

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

**Current High School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Beginning Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous High School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates of Attendance** \_\_\_\_\_

**Anticipated Graduation Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cumulative Unweighted GPA** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class Rank/Out of** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

List any Academic Honors/Awards (use a separate sheet, if needed).

List involvement in any school-related extracurricular activities (use separate sheet, if needed).

List involvement in any non-school-related extracurricular activities (use separate sheet, if needed).

List all community service activities, including average number of hours served per semester (use separate sheet, if needed).

### **EMPLOYMENT**

Name of Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Employment Status \_\_\_\_ Full-time \_\_\_\_ Part-time

Start Date/End Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Starting Salary \_\_\_\_\_

Ending Salary \_\_\_\_\_

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

List all colleges and/or universities you have been accepted to (use separate sheet, if needed)

List all scholarships (including the amount) you have already been awarded (use separate sheet, if needed).

I hereby certify that the statements herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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**TEACHER OR OTHER SCHOOL STAFF MEMBER**

**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Please provide a type-written Letter of Recommendation on school letterhead in support of the Applicant. The letter should include the following information:

1. Your relationship to the Applicant.
2. Strengths and opportunities of the Applicant.
3. Grade received in your class, if applicable.
4. Your perception of how the Applicant will adapt to college.

If you have not addressed all the criteria listed above, please explain your reasons for the omissions. This Letter of Recommendation can be sent via email to [scholarship@jackandjillsscc.com](mailto:scholarship@jackandjillsscc.com). The completed application must be ***received on or before, Saturday, March 30, 2024***. Late applications will not be considered. Information provided will be maintained confidentially and used for purposes stated for this initiative only.