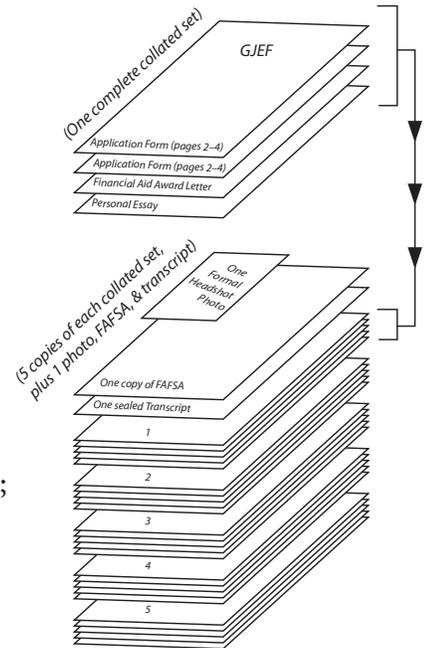


2017 Application Checklist for GJEF Scholars

(for prior GJEF scholarship recipients **only**)



Eligibility Requirements

GJEF scholarship applicants must meet the following two requirements:

1. **A prior GJEF scholarship recipient** applying for additional funding;
2. **Currently enrolled** undergraduate or graduate student for 2017-18.

Selection Criteria

Applications evaluated by the GJEF Board of Directors based on the following:

- Does the application clearly demonstrate **a need for financial aid**?
- Does the college/university **transcript show an upward trend** in grades and course load?
- Does the **essay provide a good picture** of the student's personality and life experience?
- Is the **application complete and submitted on time**? Legible & free of grammatical errors?

Annual Scholarships Awarded

- Scholarship amount is typically **\$1,000–\$2,000** per academic school year, but varies based on available funds, size of applicant pool, student's financial need and academic aptitude.
- Funds are **sent directly to the financial aid office** of your college or university.

Application Requirements

Check-off and **enclose all** of the following items: (please refer to the diagram above ^^ ^^)

- One** copy of this Checklist (page 1);
- One** current, **formal Headshot Photograph**—no “selfies”—enclose either a high-quality color print or email a high-rez (minimum 300dpi) JPG file to: **info@gaines-jones.org**
- One** Official College **Transcript** (sealed original), and one copy of 2017 **FAFSA**;
- Five collated and stapled copies** of the fully-completed **Application Form** (pages 2–4), your prior-year **Financial Aid Award Letter**, and **Personal Essay**;
- and be sure to **Sign and Date** the bottom of page 4.

Mail Application to Gaines-Jones Education Foundation
P.O. Box 3016
Novato, CA 94948

(Keep a copy for your records. Allow 8 to 10 weeks for the results.)

Deadline

Your completed application must be **postmarked**
no later than **April 20, 2017**.

- Staple each of the five collated sets.
- Be sure to answer all questions on the application.
- Incomplete and/or late applications will be disqualified upon receipt.
- GJEF will not contact you for information you failed to provide.

Gaines-Jones Education Foundation

GJEF Scholar Application Form – For 2017–2018 Academic School Year

(For prior GJEF scholarship recipients currently attending college or university – **deadline: postmarked by April 20, 2017**)

To re-apply for a scholarship, complete the entire application form, along with the Short Answer, and enclose the required Personal Essay and College Transcript. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Be sure to answer all items. If you don't have the information, provide an explanation or estimate. The info provided will be viewed only by the GJEF board of directors and treated in a strictly confidential manner.

1. Applicant Information (All info required – incomplete or illegible applications will **not** be considered)

Last name of applicant		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	First name		Middle initial
Date of birth	Place of birth		College Student ID Number		
Home street address	City	State	Zip	County	
Home telephone number	Cell phone number		Name of High School		
E-mail address	Alternate e-mail		\$ Applicant's Total 2016 Income		

2. Family Information (All info required – incomplete or illegible applications will **not** be considered)

Last name of <u>Parent 1</u> or Guardian		<input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced	First name		<input type="checkbox"/> Living <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
Occupation of Parent 1 or Guardian			<input type="checkbox"/> Employed <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/> Retired <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled	
College (if any)	Degree(s)		Year		
Graduate School (if any)	Degree(s)		Year		
Last name of <u>Parent 2</u> or Guardian		<input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced	First name		<input type="checkbox"/> Living <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
Occupation of Parent 2 or Guardian			<input type="checkbox"/> Employed <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/> Retired <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled	
College (if any)	Degree(s)		Year		
Graduate School (if any)	Degree(s)		Year		

\$ Total 2016 Family Income* (including: wages & salary, business income, self-employed income, pension, disability, child support, government assistance, social security)

of dependent children (including you) # of siblings currently in college (not including you) Own Home Rent

* Refer to Parents' 2016 Federal Income Tax Return(s) or the 2017 FAFSA for income information.

3. College/University Info (All info required – incomplete or illegible applications will **not** be considered)

College or University you are attending	Career goal	\$ Total Cost of Attendance*	
Major	Minor (if any)		
Street address	City	State	Zip
Name of financial aid officer or counselor	Telephone number	E-mail address	
College/University Scholarships (need-based and/or merit)	<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending	\$ amount
Federal Scholarships/Grants (for example: Pell, Hope, Merit, SEOG)	<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending	\$ amount
Work Study & Student Loans (Federal and/or State)	<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending	\$ amount
Outside Scholarships/Financial Aid	<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending	\$ amount
Any other sources of financial aid (add separate sheet if needed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending	\$ amount

\$ Total Estimated Financial Aid Package*

** Enclose a copy of last year's financial aid award letter from your college or university.*

Extracurricular activities and interests

Honors and awards received in college to-date

Clubs and associations

Volunteer work or community service

Part-time or full-time jobs held (attach a separate sheet if need more space for any category)

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4. Short Answer – 80 to 100 words

In the space below or on a separate sheet — *Briefly talk about an activity, talent, or subject you are passionate about. How might this personal attribute benefit others?*

5. Personal Essay – 400 to 600 words

Enclose an original essay on the topic below. This personal essay helps us assess your development, in addition to course work, grades, test scores, and other objective data. It will demonstrate your writing skills and ability to express yourself in a concise manner. Structure, grammar, and punctuation will be considered.

Topic: In light of the recent mass protests, coalition building, and burgeoning solidarity movements across the U.S., some would argue that our country is more politically divided along racial and gender lines than any time since the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. If you were POTUS, what specific measures would you take to unite us as a nation?

6. Submit Application

Mail five collated & stapled sets of the entire completed application (the GJEF application form pages, college transcript, your prior-year’s financial aid award letter, and personal essay) — **postmarked by April 20, 2017** — to the Gaines-Jones Education Foundation, P.O. Box 3016, Novato, CA 94948.

Materials submitted will not be returned, so be sure to keep a copy for your records. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Allow 8 to 10 weeks for the Board’s selection of scholarship recipients.

Certification: I hereby certify that this application, including all accompanying papers and documents, has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct, and complete application. And I agree, if I am awarded a scholarship, that my photo may be used on the GJEF website: www.gaines-jones.org.

Signature of applicant

Date