

The Gaines-Jones Education Foundation

2018 Application for Graduating High School Seniors

(for eligible 2018 graduating high school seniors **only**)

Eligibility Requirements

GJEF scholarship applicants must meet the following two requirements:

- **African-American high school seniors from Southwest Georgia (the counties of: Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas, or Worth) or the San Francisco Bay Area (the counties of: Marin, Sonoma, Contra Costa, Alameda, or San Francisco);**
- **And college-bound, graduating Class of 2018.**

Selection Criteria

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

- Does the application **clearly demonstrate a need for financial aid?**
- Does the high school transcript **show an upward trend** both 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?
- Do the reference letters **speak about specifics** unique to this student?

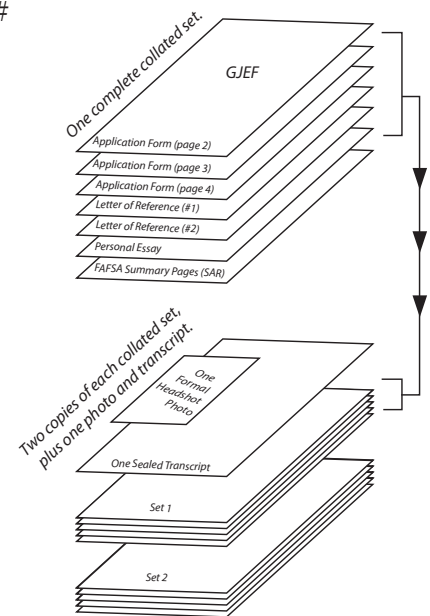
Annual Scholarships Awarded

- Scholarship amount is typically between **\$500 to \$2,000** per academic school year, 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.
- Recipients **must provide either** Social Security or College Student ID # for a scholarship check to be issued.

Application Requirements

Enclose **all** of the following items:

- **One** recent, **Formal Portrait Photograph**—No Selfies—enclose either a high-quality color print, or email a high-quality color (min. 300dpi) JPG file to: **info@gaines-jones.org**
- **One** Official High School **Transcript** (sealed original);
- **Two** collated copies of the fully-completed, four-page **Application, Reference Letters, Personal Essay, and 2018 FAFSA SAR** summary;
- **Sign and Date** the bottom of page 4.
- 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.



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

Deadline Your completed application must be **postmarked** (mailed by) no later than **April 20, 2018.**

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

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Scholarship Application Form – For 2018–2019 Academic School Year

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(For eligible graduating Class of 2018 African-American high school seniors – **deadline: postmarked by April 20, 2018**)

To apply for a scholarship, complete the entire application form and enclose the required Personal Essay, two Letters of Reference, Transcript, & FAFSA Summary. 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	*or Social Security Number (if no student ID yet)		
E-mail address	Alternate e-mail address	\$ Applicant's Total 2017 Income		
How did you find out about The Gaines-Jones Education Foundation?				

2. Family Information

(**All** info required – incomplete or illegible applications will **not** be considered)

Last name of Parent 1 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 or University	Degree(s)	Year	
Graduate School (if any)	Degree(s)	Year	
Last name of Parent 2 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 or University	Degree(s)	Year	
Graduate School (if any)	Degree(s)	Year	

\$ Total 2017 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' 2017 Federal Income Tax Return(s) or the 2018 FAFSA for income information.

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3. High School Academics (All info required – incomplete or illegible applications will **not** be considered)

Name of high school		City				
Class Rank	Class Size	GPA (weighted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No)				
SAT – Exam Date	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Total Score		
SAT Subject Test (if any)	Score	SAT Subject Test (if any)		Score		
ACT – Exam Date	Comp Score	English	Math	Reading	Science	Writing (optional)
Extracurricular activities and interests		(indicate HS Year of participation & number of hours for each category)				
Honors and awards received						
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)						

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

College or University you plan to attend	Major/career goal	\$ Total Cost of Attendance*	
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 (add separate sheet if needed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending	\$ amount

\$ Total Estimated Financial Aid Package*

* Refer to your school's acceptance letter and/or preliminary financial aid award letter for this information.

5. Short Answer – 80 to 100 words

In the space below or on a separate sheet — *In what specific ways does poverty impact the pursuit of higher education?*

6. Personal Essay – 400 to 600 words

Enclose an original essay on the topic below. This personal essay helps us become acquainted with you, 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: Currently, our country is mired in conversations about consent and the importance of justice, reciprocity, and communication in intimate relationships. How well has your education equipped you to engage in such conversations? How do you think sex education should be taught in schools and why?

7. Letters of Reference

Enclose two letters of reference from non-family members (one must be from a teacher), for example: a teacher, advisor, employer, minister, mentor, or community leader who has been influential in your high school experience. List their names and info below:

Last Name	First Name	Relationship to you	Telephone Number
Last Name	First Name	Relationship to you	Telephone Number

8. Submit Application

Mail the two collated sets of the entire completed application (the GJEF four-page application, personal essay, reference letters, and FAFSA summary, plus one sealed high school transcript, and high-quality portrait photo). **Postmarked by April 20, 2018** — 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 awarded a scholarship, that my photo may be used on the GJEF website: www.gaines-jones.org and other collateral.

Signature of applicant	Date	Signature of parent or guardian	Date
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