

The Gaines-Jones Education Foundation

2012 Scholarship Application Form

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Instructions & Checklist

- Do *not* staple your application, reference letters, or essay.
- 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.

Eligibility Requirements

GJEF's scholarship applicants must meet the following requirements:

- College-bound, eligible graduating Class of 2012 African-American high school seniors in Southwest Georgia or San Francisco Bay Area.
- Clearly demonstrate a need for financial assistance, **providing complete financial information requested** in the application form.
- Provide a clear picture of your **academic achievements**, SAT and/or ACT test scores, GPA, extra-curricular and community involvement, and the ability to reach your goals.
- **Complete information** regarding the college or university of your choice, including the name and phone number of your admissions counselor or financial aid advisor.
- Submit **6 collated copies** of the completed application — including the essay and reference letters — by the mailing deadline, following the instructions and this checklist.

Application Requirements

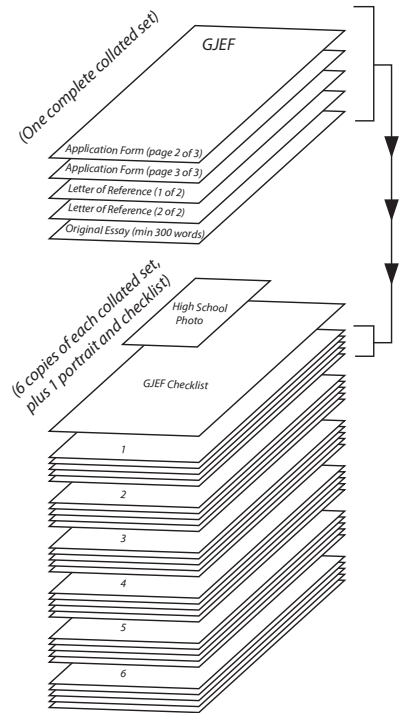
Check-off and enclose all of the following items: (refer to diagram above ^^ ^)

- 1 copy of this **checklist**;
- 1 high school **portrait of yourself** (or submit high-rez JPG to info@gaines-jones.org);
- 6 collated copies of the completed application form (see next two pages), signed, and dated (incomplete applications will not be considered);
- 6 collated copies each of **two reference letters** from non-family members;
- 6 collated copies of an original **essay** of at least 300 words (600 word maximum)
In your own words, write about your life, interests, unique attributes, and career goals. State why you believe you should receive a GJEF scholarship — specifically addressing the *Eligibility Requirements* listed above — for the pursuit of higher education. Your manuscript must be typed, double-spaced with one-inch margins.

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

(keep a copy of application materials for your records)

Deadline: *Your completed application must be **postmarked** no later than **Monday, April 2, 2012.***



Scholarship Application Form – For 2012–2013 Academic School Year

College/University Information (Neatly fill-in all areas – incomplete or illegible applications will **not** be considered)

College or university you plan to attend		Anticipated major	\$ <u>annual</u> tuition & fees	
Street address		City	State	Zip
Name of financial aid advisor	Telephone number	Fax number	E-mail address	
Will you reside on-campus, off-campus, or at home?			\$ <u>annual</u> room & board costs	
Other Scholarship/Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Received	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending	\$ amount received or applied for	
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Any other forms of financial assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Received	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending	\$ amount received or applied for	

Original Essay

Attach an original essay of at least 300 words (600 word max) describing your thoughts about your life, interests, unique attributes, and career goals. State why you believe you should receive a GJEF scholarship – specifically addressing the *Eligibility Requirements* listed on page 1 – for the pursuit of higher education. Your manuscript must be typed, double-spaced with one-inch margins.

Letters of Reference

Attach typed letters of reference from two non-family members – for example: an employer, minister, counselor, mentor, teacher, or community leader. List their names below:

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

Submit Application (6 collated copies required)

Mail 5 collated copies of the entire completed application: GJEF application form, essay, and reference letters – **postmarked by April 2, 2012** – 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 12 weeks for a reply.

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 my photo may be used on www.gaines-jones.org.

Signature of applicant	Date	Signature of parent or guardian	Date
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