



## ***Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated*** ***South Suburban Chicago Chapter***

### **The Bernadette Sharp Community Service Award** **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 student and parent members.

These efforts are an extension of our dedication and pride in promoting leadership development among youth and young adults.

The Jack and Jill of America, Inc. South Suburban Chicago Chapter Community Service Award is in memory of our late Mother Member Bernadette Sharp. The \$1,500 (nonrenewable) scholarship will be presented to one (1) graduating high school senior who demonstrates a passion for making a positive impact on the world through community service efforts.

#### **Criteria:**

1. African American student who can demonstrate a passion for participating and/or leading community service activities that impact their community
2. Currently enrolled in senior year of high school in the South Suburban Chicago area
3. Cumulative unweighted GPA of 2.75 or higher
4. Must be accepted to an accredited four-year college or university for the 2024-2025 school year
5. Provide two (2) letters of recommendation that support active and consistent community service involvement independently or within an organization

#### **APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST**

All documents, including supporting materials, must be emailed to [scholarship@jackandjillsscc.com](mailto:scholarship@jackandjillsscc.com). The completed application must be submitted 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.

1. Completed application
2. Completed student essay
3. An official copy of your high school transcript

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Two letters of recommendation are REQUIRED. Letters must be emailed to:

[scholarship@jackandjillsscc.com](mailto:scholarship@jackandjillsscc.com) (\*please instruct your letter writer to put "YOUR NAME + LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION" in the subject line of the email

\* Required

1. First and Last Name \*

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2. Street Address, City, State, Zip \*

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3. Phone Number \*

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4. Email \*

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5. First and Last Name of Parent/Caregiver #1 \*

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6. First and Last Name of Parent/Caregiver #2

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7. Parent/Caregiver Phone Number \*

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8. Parent/Caregiver Email Address \*

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### Academic Information

9. GPA (unweighted) \*

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10. Class Rank (\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_ ) - weighted and unweighted \*

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11. List any Academic Honors/Awards \*

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12. List involvement in any school-related extracurricular activities \*

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13. List involvement in any non-school-related extracurricular activities

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14. List all community service activities, including average number of hours served per semester

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15. High School Transcript (PDF, JPG, JPEG only) \*

Files submitted:

## Employment

16. Name of Employer

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17. Title

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18. Employment Status

*Check all that apply.*

Full-Time

Part-Time

19. Start Date/End Date

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20. Salary

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21. Do you qualify for the School Lunch Program? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

Essay  
(500  
words  
maximum)

Submit a 500 word or less essay on how your commitment to community service has made a positive impact in your community. The essay should include what ignited your passion to serve others.

22. Essay Response \*

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Additional Information

23. List all colleges and/or universities to which you have been accepted (write "N/A" if none) \*

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24. List all scholarships (including the amount) you have already been awarded (write "N/A" if none).

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUBMISSION

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