

# Judith Dianne Jackson

SCHOLARSHIP FUND



## JUDITH DIANNE JACKSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2018

*“Go into the world and do well. But more importantly, go into the world and do good.”  
~ Minor Myers, Jr.*

The Judith Jackson Scholarship Fund was created to honor the life and legacy of a true champion of youth. Judith Jackson dedicated her life to improving the lives and opportunities for young men and women who have completed their high school education. She dedicated her life to removing barriers for young people and helping them realize their greatness to pursue their dreams and impact their communities.

This scholarship is administered by Neighborhood Service Organization (NSO) in honor of Judith Dianne Jackson who was a close community partner and friend.

Judith Dianne Jackson, affectionately known as Judy, was born July 1, 1950 to Clayton R. and Amy Pettiford Jackson in Marion, Indiana. She was the youngest of three children who grew up in a loving, nurturing environment.

After graduating from Marion High School with honors in 1968, Judy earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology from Indiana University in 1972. She earned her Master’s Degree in Social Work in 1974 from Washington University in St. Louis.

Before coming to Detroit in 1980 to join Family and Neighborhood Services, Judy served in assignments at St. Louis and New York. In Detroit, she met Dr. Gerald K. Smith who became a mentor and friend. In 1982, she joined Gerald as Deputy Director of Franklin-Wright Settlements. Judy became the Executive Director in 1990. In 1999, Gerald recruited Judy to serve as Vice President and Chief Operation Officer for a new youth program. The program opened as Youthville Detroit which provided unprecedented recreational and educational opportunities for Detroit youth. In 2008, she became President and Chief Executive Officer until its closing in 2014.

Judy’s roles in civic organizations include stints as President of the National Association of Black Social Workers, President of the Detroit Association of Black Social Workers. She served on the Boards of Plymouth Education Center Charter School, New Detroit and ARISE.

On the morning of October 9, 2015, Judy went to sleep peacefully in the arms of the Lord.

**The application deadline is March 2, 2018.**

## **APPLICATION INFORMATION & DIRECTIONS**

### ***THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS***

The Judith Dianne Jackson Scholarship Fund (the "Scholarship") will provide \$1,000 annually toward tuition and/or related educational expenses (such as room, board, books) of an undergraduate program at a regionally accredited four-year-degree-granting college, university, a two-year community, junior college or skills trade school. The option of attending a two-year community or junior college must be part of an educational plan to continue a student's education at an accredited two or four-year college, university or training program. The scholarship is not limited to colleges or universities located in the state of Michigan. The scholarship awards will be issued by The Judith Dianne Jackson Scholarship Fund directly to the school or scholarship winners as appropriate.

The scholarship is renewable up to three times for a total of \$4,000 over four years of undergraduate study as long as the recipient maintains a GPA of 2.5 for the preceding scholastic year. If in the opinion of the Scholarship Committee, unusual and unexpected circumstances result in a scholarship recipient not reaching the 2.5 GPA, that requirement may be suspended following discussion with the Scholarship Committee and the scholarship recipient.

To be eligible for the renewal, it is expected that the scholarship recipients will file a report with The Judith Dianne Jackson Scholarship Fund at the end of each academic year (but no later than June 15) summarizing the scholarship recipient's college experience and to verify by submission of official transcripts that the recipient has met the criteria for continuation of the scholarship. At this point, the student must express intent to continue his/her college education for another year.

### ***ELIGIBILITY AND PREFERENCES***

In order to be eligible for The Judith Dianne Jackson Scholarship, candidates must meet the following requirements:

1. Applicants must be in their senior year of high school planning to graduate by spring of 2018.
2. These scholarships will be awarded to the most deserving youth, following the guidelines described above, and based upon the selection criteria set forth below in the "SELECTION OF WINNERS" section.
3. Applicant must be enrolled to begin study by fall of 2018 (proof of enrollment required).
4. Applicant must have a 2.5 GPA.
5. Applicant must be a high school senior.

## ***APPLICATION DIRECTIONS***

Applications must be submitted electronically or via U.S. Mail. Submit the completed application form and attachments to:

[info@jdjscholarship.org](mailto:info@jdjscholarship.org)

Neighborhood Service Organization  
Attention: The JDJ Scholarship Fund  
882 Oakman Blvd., Suite C  
Detroit, MI 48238

Supplementary materials, such as transcripts, must be mailed to the address above or provided electronically directly from your school. Letters of recommendation can be either mailed to the address above or sent electronically. If these materials must be sent separately, please ask the sender to send them electronically to [info@jdjscholarship.org](mailto:info@jdjscholarship.org) or mail the document(s). This information will be merged with your other application materials. Once we have received your complete application, you will receive an email indicating your file is complete.

**The application deadline is March 2, 2018.** The application and supplementary attachments **MUST BE RECEIVED** by this date in order to meet the deadline. Only completed application packets will be considered for scholarship awards.

Please note the last section of the application is an **Application Checklist** provided to help you ensure your application has been completed correctly. Please note as well that presentation, sentence and paragraph structure, spelling and grammar do count, so be sure to proofread your entire application.

## ***QUESTIONS ABOUT THE APPLICATION***

If you have questions about your eligibility, the application process, the Application Form or the scholarship, please discuss them with your high school guidance counselor. If he or she cannot answer your questions, please feel free to contact:

Ms. Gail L. Smith, Board Member  
The JDJ Scholarship Fund  
(313) 961-4890 Ext.1026  
[info@jdjscholarship.org](mailto:info@jdjscholarship.org)  
[www.jdjscholarship.org](http://www.jdjscholarship.org)

## ***SELECTION OF WINNERS***

The Scholarship Selection Committee will select winners based on an evaluation of the complete application and the personal interviews with the finalists. The Committee will strongly consider academic achievements and credentials, such as the applicant's high school class rank, transcripts, GPA, curriculum and ACT or SAT scores. The Committee will also consider evidence of leadership qualities, extracurricular activities, community service, work experience outside of school, honors and awards, and recognition by his/her peers. The Committee will also evaluate the applicant's personal qualities, motivation and interests as demonstrated in the letters of recommendation and the personal essay.

All applicants will be notified of their status as either a finalist or no longer under consideration on or before **March 15, 2018**. Interviews with the finalists will be completed no later than **March 22, 2018** and will be conducted in person. The interviews, which are informal, will last approximately 30 minutes and are being conducted so the Scholarship Committee will have an opportunity to meet personally and get to know the applicant, and the applicant will get to know the Scholarship Committee members. The applicants will also be able to ask questions of the Scholarship Committee and make a final statement to the Scholarship Committee at the end of the interview. Please be prepared to share Judith Dianne Jackson's contributions to Detroit Youth during her life. Her complete bio can be found on the website – [www.jdjscholarship.org](http://www.jdjscholarship.org).

The Scholarship Committee, will make the final determination regarding winners and will notify all finalists, by telephone or email, as to its final decisions on or before **March 26, 2018**.



## APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE NOTE THIS APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY.

IF YOU WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SUBMIT A RESUME THAT CONTAINS THE REQUESTED INFORMATION IN SECTIONS II AND III, PLEASE INDICATE YOU HAVE DONE SO BY ANSWERING "SEE ATTACHED RESUME" IN THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE APPLICATION.

### I. Personal Information and Educational History

The information provided here will only be made available to the Scholarship Committee.

Applicant's Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first) (middle)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(number and street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(city) (state) (zip code) (county)

Telephone Numbers: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

List the high school(s) you attended, whether you graduated or not, giving the exact dates of attendance:

Name of High School(s)	Dates Attended	Date of Graduation	Diploma Received/Expected
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Have you ever been suspended, dismissed or placed on probation from school or incurred any other serious disciplinary action? **(Note: Your answer to this question will not disqualify you from receiving a scholarship.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      If yes, please attach an additional sheet with the explanation.

\_\_\_\_\_ No

Have you had a significant challenge you had to overcome in order to achieve graduation status?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      If yes, please attach an additional sheet with the explanation.

\_\_\_\_\_ No

## II. Extracurricular Activities, Honors and Awards

Please list your extracurricular activities (school, community service, religious, athletic, personal, etc.) in addition to any extracurricular or academic honors or awards received during high school. Please list these activities, honors and awards in order of significance to you. If you prefer to attach a separate sheet, please be sure to follow the format below. If this information is contained in an attached resume, please indicate that the resume is attached.

Activity	Grade (9, 10, 11 and/or 12)	Offices held, and/or honors or awards received
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### III. Summer Programs and Employment

Please list any summer programs (such as Band Camp or an academic enrichment program) you attended during high school. If this information is contained in an attached resume, please so indicate that the resume is attached.

Name of Program	Dates of Attendance	Grades Received (if any)
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Please list any employment experiences you have had during the academic year or the summer. If this information is contained in an attached resume, please so indicate that the resume is attached.

Employer	Position	Approximate Hours per Month	Dates
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### IV. College Plans – If accepted and plan to enroll

Please list in order of preference the colleges to which you were accepted and plan to enroll.

Name	Areas of Interest or Major (If undecided, indicate that)	City, State	A= Accepted D=Denied P=Pending
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_____			

Do you intend to apply for or have you received financial aid? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Have you completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Are you eligible for a Pell Grant? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No | If so, what is the amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please speak with your high school Guidance Counselor if you have questions about Pell Grants or the FAFSA process. You may also wish to contact EducationQuest at EducationQuest.org for help at no cost.)

How will this scholarship assist you in furthering your education? Please explain.

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Please list any and all financial contributions to fund your education (Pell Grant, Church Scholarships, FAFSA Loans, etc.).

Name	Amount	A=Awarded D=Denied P=Pending

## V. Essay

Please provide a **typed** response to one of the following two questions. Your response should be no longer than 500-word maximum. This essay will be evaluated on clarity of expression, depth of thought, originality, logic, precision and proofreading.

1. How does the current political climate influence you and your community (local, national and/or international)?
2. Who has had the most significant impact on your life? Please explain and include how their impact will influence your future decisions and/or goals.

## VI. High School Transcripts

Supplementary materials, such as *official transcripts, must be mailed to the address below or provided electronically directly from your school.* Letters of recommendation can be either mailed to the address below or sent electronically. If these materials must be sent separately, please ask the sender to send them electronically to [info@jdjscholarship.org](mailto:info@jdjscholarship.org) or mail the document(s). This information will be merged



with your other application materials. Once we have received your complete application, you will receive an email indicating your file is complete.

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## VII. Two Letters of Recommendation

Please ask two adults to write letters of recommendation that reflect on your dedication to your studies, academic abilities, leadership potential, work ethic, and character. One letter must be **from a teacher who has had you in class during your junior or senior year**. The other letter should come **from someone outside of school who knows you (it cannot be a family member) as a member of the community**, such as a neighbor, employer, Boy/Girl Scouts or religious leader. All letters of recommendation must be signed.

## VIII. Signatures of Applicant, Parent/Guardian, and H. S. Guidance Counselor

Signature of Applicant:

I declare that the enclosed essay is my own work and that all of the information in my application is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and honestly presented. **The application must be signed by all parties to be considered complete.**

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(signature)

(date)

(please print name)

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

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(signature)

(date)

(please print name)

Signature of High School Guidance Counselor:

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(signature)

(date)

(please print name)

## IX. Application Checklist

Did you:

- completely fill out the application?
- include a resume (if applicable)?
- include your essay?
- include or have emailed two letters of recommendation?
- mailed or emailed (from your school) an *official transcript* with ACT or SAT score?
- assemble the application in the following order: application form, resume (if applicable), essay, two letters of recommendation?
- include a copy of your college acceptance letter (if applicable)?

**Remember: the application **MUST BE RECEIVED** via e-mail, U.S. Mail  
or in person no later than **March 2, 2018**.**

**THANK YOU FOR APPLYING FOR THE JUDITH DIANNE JACKSON SCHOLARSHIP**