



# Cornelius D. Jones LITERACY SCHOLARSHIP

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Open to graduating high school seniors in the Class of 2027 who are admitted or enrolled in an accredited four-year college or university.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Cornelius D. Jones Literacy Scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors in the Class of 2027 who have been admitted to or intend to enroll in an accredited four-year college or university in the United States within one year of high school graduation. Applicants must be legal residents of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, and any U.S. Territory with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0/4.0.

### TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP, APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

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| <b>1</b><br>Three letters of reference, including one academic reference attesting to the applicant's character, leadership, and scholastic ability. | <b>2</b><br>Official academic transcript from high school. | <b>3</b><br>A 1,000-word essay in APA format guidelines on "What Is the Importance of Higher Education?" | <b>4</b><br>A completed application form. | <b>5</b><br>A student currently enrolled as a high school senior who intends to enroll in an accredited college or university in the United States within a year of graduating high school. |
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### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current GPA (unweighted): \_\_\_\_\_  
Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### COLLEGE INFORMATION

Intended College/University: \_\_\_\_\_  
Intended Major/Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expected Enrollment Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you been admitted?  Yes  Not Yet  
If yes, please list the college/university: \_\_\_\_\_

### ESSAY REQUIREMENT

Attach a 1,000-word essay prepared according to APA formatting guidelines addressing the following topic:

**"What Is the Importance of Higher Education?"**  
Ensure your name is on the essay document.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Please check each item submitted with your application.

- Completed Scholarship Application
- Official High School Transcript
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- 1,000-Word Essay in APA Format
- Proof of College Admission or Enrollment Intent

### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicants must submit three (3) letters of recommendation, including at least one (1) academic reference who can attest to the applicant's character, leadership ability, academic achievement, and potential for success.

Academic Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Additional recommendation letters may be submitted separately by the recommender or included with your application.*

### LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List extracurricular activities, leadership positions, volunteer service, community involvement, honors, and awards.

### CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

I certify that all information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that submission of false or misleading information may result in disqualification from scholarship consideration.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Application Complete:  Yes  No Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scholarship Decision: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_