

The Fran Robinson Memorial Scholarship

Preparing Youth for the Future: Achieving Excellence,
Inspiring Greatness, Motivating Youth to Lead and Serve

Application Package for 2020



The Reston Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

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President

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Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs

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Reston, VA

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Dear Sir or Madam:

The mothers of the Reston (VA) Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. are accepting applications for the 2020 Fran Robinson Memorial Scholarship. We are excited to support promising and deserving young leaders in our community through this scholarship program. Kindly share the attached application with eligible graduating high school seniors.

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is a nationwide nonprofit organization. Founded in 1938, this family organization promotes cultural, social, civic, recreational, and philanthropic activities that stimulate and expand the minds of children to enhance life. For more information on our national organization, visit: <http://www.jack-and-jill.org/>. The Reston (VA) Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. was formed in 1974. One of our primary missions is to dedicate resources to improving the quality of life for African-American families through community service.

Over the past several years, the Reston (VA) Chapter has awarded over \$85,000 in scholarships to deserving youth in Fairfax County, VA. This year, we will award four merit-based scholarships to local African-American high school seniors who are residents of Fairfax County. Scholarship award amounts include: (1) for \$4,000, (2) for \$2,000 each, and (1) for \$1,000. Scholarship awardees will be determined in late spring; recipients must attend our scholarship reception in May 2020. In August, payments will be sent directly to the colleges and universities that the award recipients will attend.

Details of the eligibility criteria, contents of the application package, and application submission requirements are enclosed. **Completed scholarship applications must be submitted in their entirety by April 5, 2020.** Please direct questions by email to Kia Braxton and Dina Paltoo at JJRestonScholarship@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Kia Braxton and Dina Paltoo
Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs
Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Reston (VA) Chapter

Remembering Fran Robinson



(1950 – 2009)

With this scholarship, the mothers of the Reston (VA) Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. continue the legacy of our beloved past President and 2001 Best of Reston honoree, Fran Robinson. Fran was a tireless public servant and civic leader who found so many ways to serve, including: facilitating education and awareness of breast cancer in African-American women; securing community partnerships to provide medical and dental care for children in Fairfax County; and reviewing college applications for friends and colleagues. She was a trailblazing advocate for children who believed that, with care, love, exposure, and opportunity, all could be successful in life. It is in this spirit that we proudly offer the Fran Robinson Memorial Scholarship.

Scholarship Guidelines and Instructions

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be an African-American high school senior who is a resident of Fairfax County, VA.
- Demonstrate strong academic standing with a **minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0**.
- Graduate from an accredited secondary educational institution in Spring 2020.
- Plan to enter a four-year college or university as a full-time freshman in Fall 2020.
- Demonstrate community service experience.
- *NOTE: Children of members of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. are ineligible to apply.*

HOW TO APPLY

Application submissions must include the following:

- A complete and signed Scholarship Application.
- A one-page typewritten personal essay (Times New Roman 12-point font, double-spaced).
- An original color photo (.jpg format preferred); alternatively, a 4x6 or wallet-size photo may be submitted. Do not submit proofs or personality photos.
- An official academic transcript with cumulative grade point average. The transcript must be submitted in an envelope sealed by a school official with the official's signature or the school stamp across the sealed portion of the envelope.
- A signed 2019-2020 letter of recommendation from a current teacher, school counselor, or principal submitted on school letterhead.

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION

The completed and signed application package must be submitted via email by 11:59 p.m. (Eastern) on OR postmarked by **April 5, 2020**. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. Applicants are responsible for ensuring their transcript and letter of recommendation are submitted on time. Do not send your application via certified mail or use a delivery service that requires the recipient's signature.

By email: JJRestonScholarship@gmail.com

By mail: Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Reston (VA) Chapter
Attention: Scholarship Committee
PO Box 3751
Reston, VA 20195

AWARD NOTIFICATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship awardees will be notified of their selection as a scholarship recipient in early May 2020. All awardees must: 1) attend the scholarship award reception on **May 17, 2020** with a parent or guardian, and 2) provide the Scholarship Committee with a copy of their acceptance letter and student identification number for the college or university where they will enroll in the Fall of 2020.

Scholarship Application

(Please print in ink or type.)

SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant's Name:		Date of Birth:
Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Telephone Number (Home, Mobile):	Email Address:	
Name of Parent/Legal Guardian:		Daytime Telephone Number:
Parent/Legal Guardian Email Address:		
Name of High School:		Graduation Date:
School Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Current GPA:	Cumulative GPA:	
Name of School Principal:		Daytime Telephone Number:
Name of School Counselor:		Daytime Telephone Number:
Is your mother or legal guardian a member of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.? Yes (___) No (___)		
How did you hear about the Fran Robinson Memorial Scholarship? <input type="checkbox"/> High School Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Family/Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		

SECTION 2: ACTIVITIES & RECOGNITIONS

2A. List all your high school **honors, awards, and other achievements, as well as extracurricular activities**, and the dates you received and/or participated in them. Use an additional sheet if necessary.

2B. List all **community service activities** in which you have participated in high school. Indicate the name of the service organization, academic years during which you participated, and any offices or leadership positions you held. Use an additional sheet if necessary.

2C. List your **full- and part-time work experience** within the past 2 years. Indicate the name of your employer, dates of employment, and job title. A resume may be submitted in lieu of this section.

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SECTION 3: COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

College(s) Applied:	
College(s) Offers of Admission:	
College to which you have accepted an offer of admission:	
Intended Major:	Estimated Tuition Cost (1 academic year):
Estimated Room & Board Costs (1 academic year):	Estimated Books/Supplies Costs (1 academic year):
Other Scholarships, Grants, or Monetary Awards you have received or expect to receive for college:	

SECTION 4: PERSONAL ESSAY

The Personal Essay provides an opportunity for you to use your written communication skills to give the Scholarship Committee more insight into your worldview. Please write a one-page essay to address the question below. Your essay must be typed, double-spaced, with Times New Roman 12-point font. Submit your essay on a separate sheet of paper and include your first and last name on the top of the page.

QUESTION: *Many have said African-American history is simply American history, an opportunity to reclaim our time in history for all our many societal contributions. Do you agree or disagree? Explain.*

SECTION 5: SIGNATURES

By signing below, I hereby certify that all statements and information provided in this application (to include attachments and supplemental materials) are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that misrepresentation or the submission of inaccurate or incomplete information will result in forfeiture or disqualification.

I further acknowledge that my/my child’s application becomes the property of the Reston (VA) Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. I also grant the Reston (VA) Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. the absolute right and permission to use my/my child’s photograph in its promotional materials and publicity efforts. I understand that the photographs may be used in publications, print ads, direct-mail, electronic media (e.g., video, CD-ROM, website, scrapbook) or in other forms of promotion. I release Jack and Jill, the photographer, their offices, employees, agents, and designees from liability for any violation of any personal or proprietary right I may have in conjunction with such use. I hereby consent that such information, photographs, videos, and the plates and/or tapes from which they are made shall be their property, and they shall have the right to duplicate, reproduce, and make other uses of such information, photographs, videos, recordings, and plates as they may desire free and clear of any claim whatsoever on my part.

Applicant Name (Print)

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Transcript Request

Dear Registrar,

_____ is applying for the 2020 Fran Robinson Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Reston (VA) Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. In order for the application to be considered, s/he is required to submit an official copy of his/her high school transcript with the cumulative grade point average.

At your earliest convenience, kindly mail a copy of his/her current transcript to the address below by Sunday, April 5, 2020. We respectfully request that the transcript be mailed in a sealed envelope with your signature or the school stamp across the sealed portion of the envelope. For your convenience, we will also accept an official transcript electronically via email to JJRestonScholarship@gmail.com.

If you have questions about this request or the application process, please email them to Kia Braxton and Dina Paltoo at JJRestonScholarship@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Kia Braxton and Dina Paltoo
Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs

Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Reston (VA) Chapter
Attention: Scholarship Committee
PO Box 3751
Reston, VA 20195

Letter of Recommendation Request

Dear Sir or Madam,

_____ is applying for the 2020 Fran Robinson Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Reston (VA) Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. In order for the application to be considered, s/he is required to submit a letter of recommendation. Please share your impressions of this applicant's strengths, accomplishments, and any additional information that you consider important to our assessment of his/her qualifications.

At your earliest convenience, kindly mail your signed letter of recommendation to the address below by Sunday, April 5, 2020. We respectfully request that your letter be submitted on school letterhead. For your convenience, we can also accept the signed letter electronically as a .pdf via email to JJRestonScholarship@gmail.com.

Please use the same email address to submit questions about this request and the application process.

Sincerely,
Kia Braxton and Dina Paltoo
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Application Submission Checklist

MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT (IN ONE PACKET):

- Completed Scholarship Application signed by Applicant and Parent/Legal Guardian
- Personal Essay (1-page, typed, double-spaced, Times New Roman 12-point font)
- Original color photo (.jpg, 4x6, or wallet size) with Applicant's name; no proofs or personality photos

MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED BY SCHOOL REGISTRAR, COUNSELOR, OR TEACHER:

- Official High School Transcript with cumulative GPA
- Signed Letter of Recommendation on school letterhead

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- Submit completed and signed application package via email **by 11:59 p.m. (Eastern) on April 5, 2020** to JJRestonScholarship@gmail.com.
- If submitting by mail, completed and signed application must be **postmarked by April 5, 2020** and mailed to:
 - Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Reston (VA) Chapter
 - Attention: Scholarship Committee
 - PO Box 3751
 - Reston, VA 20195
- Applicant is responsible for ensuring High School Transcript and Letter of Recommendation are submitted by the deadline.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

- Attend our Scholarship Reception on May 17, 2020 with parent/legal guardian.
- Submit letter/form confirming acceptance of college admission, commitment to enroll, and student identification number. If scholarship recipient has not committed to a specific college by May 17, 2020, the letter must be submitted as soon possible thereafter, but no later than August 1, 2020.