

Coach Cornelia A. Jackson Foundation
Academic Scholarship 2026
\$250 - \$1,000

The Coach Cornelia Jackson Foundation was established to honor the enduring legacy of Coach Cornelia Jackson—a distinguished educator, mentor, and champion for youth empowerment. Inspired by Coach Jackson's unwavering commitment to educational excellence and community development, the foundation supports academic scholarships that foster educational access, leadership development, and personal growth. We aim to empower future leaders who embody Coach Jackson's Core Values through these scholarships.

Core Values for the Coach Cornelia Jackson Foundation

1. Integrity: *Honesty and fairness in all actions.*

We uphold the highest standards of honesty and fairness, fostering trust and respect in all our relationships. Inspired by Coach Jackson's unwavering commitment to truth and equity, we seek to build an integrity-based community.

2. Compassion: *Empathy and generosity toward others.*

Embracing Coach Jackson's selflessness and generosity, we are committed to making a meaningful difference in the lives of others. We believe in giving fully of ourselves to support those in need, promoting a spirit of empathy and care.

3. Faith and Resilience: *Unwavering faith and strength in adversity.*

Inspired by Coach Jackson's resilience and belief in the power of faith, we face challenges with courage and remain steadfast in our mission. We encourage others to embrace their own resilience, finding strength in adversity.

4. Inclusivity: *Respect and fairness for all individuals.*

Coach Jackson's belief in treating everyone with kindness and fairness guides our commitment to inclusivity. We value diversity and work to create an environment where everyone feels respected and welcomed.

5. Joyful Optimism: *A positive outlook and a warm spirit.*

Reflecting Coach Jackson's bubbly personality, we bring joy and positivity to all we do. We believe that a warm, optimistic approach can uplift others and inspire lasting change.

6. Excellence and Wisdom: *Pursuit of excellence guided by wisdom and experience.*

Committed to continuous growth and learning, we honor Coach Jackson's dedication to excellence. We strive to make wise, thoughtful decisions that promote growth and uphold the foundation's mission.

7. Unyielding Dedication: *"Don't cheat your body."*

Embracing Coach Jackson's memorable words, this value speaks to persevering in faith and action. It encourages us to honor our physical, mental, and spiritual strength by never giving up, knowing that diligence and commitment yield the truest rewards. This value calls us to honor the strength within us by facing each challenge fully and with courage. Embracing Coach Jackson's words as a way of life, we commit to pushing past obstacles, upholding our standards, and remaining steadfast in our journey, knowing that true growth comes from sustained effort.

Scholarship Qualifications

1. **High School Senior Status**

Applicants must be high school seniors on track to graduate in the current academic year.

2. **Academic Achievement**

A minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is required, demonstrating a commitment to educational excellence and a strong academic foundation.

3. **Community Involvement**

Candidates should demonstrate active participation in activities such as leadership roles, community service, sports, school clubs, performing arts, academic competitions, part-time employment, or volunteer work that aligns with the foundation's core values.

4. **Essay Requirement**

Reflect on the Core Values of the Coach Cornelia Jackson Foundation (listed above). For your essay (500–700 words), choose one of the core values of the Coach Cornelia Jackson Foundation that resonates most with you. In your essay, discuss the following:

- **Personal Connection:** Describe why this core value is significant to you. Share a personal experience or story that highlights your connection to this value.
- **Impact on Life:** Explain how this value has influenced your decisions, actions, or perspective in your life. How has it shaped your character and your interactions with others?
- **Future Aspirations:** Discuss how you plan to embody this value in your future endeavors, whether in your education, career, or community involvement. How will it guide you in overcoming challenges and achieving your goals?

5. **Letters of Recommendation**

Candidates must submit two (2) letters of recommendation, each including contact information for verification:

- **One letter** from a teacher who can speak about the applicant's academic dedication, work ethic, and integrity.
- **One letter** from a coach, employer, or community leader who can describe the applicant's character, resilience, leadership, and alignment with the foundation's values of compassion and inclusivity.

Note: Each recommender should highlight specific examples of the candidate's strengths, contributions, and impact within the school or community.

How to Apply

To apply for the Coach Cornelia Jackson Foundation Scholarship 2026, please follow these steps:

1. **Review Eligibility Criteria**

Ensure that you meet all the qualifications outlined in the scholarship requirements.

2. **Gather Required Materials**

Prepare the following documents:

- A completed scholarship application form (available at cjacksonfoundation.org)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation, as specified in the qualifications section.
- A personal essay (500–700 words) responding to the provided prompt.
- An unofficial copy of your high school transcript.

3. **Complete the Application Form**

Fill out the scholarship application form accurately, providing all requested information.

4. **Submit Your Application**

Combine all materials into one PDF file and submit via email to

info@cjacksonfoundation.org. Ensure that your application is submitted by the deadline.

5. **Check for Confirmation**

After submission, you will receive a confirmation email acknowledging receipt of your application. If you do not receive confirmation within 48 hours, please reach out to us at **info@cjacksonfoundation.org**.

Important Dates

Deadline: **February 15, 2026**

Mail all applications and all required documents to:

Coach Cornelia A. Jackson Foundation

Attn: Shatoya Aylor

P.O. Box 202

Chesterfield, VA 23832

Coach Cornelia A. Jackson Foundation Scholarship 2026
Application Form

I. Personal Data

Tell us about yourself

Full Name: _____

Birthdate: Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____

Mobile Number: _____

Personal Email: _____

Address: _____ County _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Optional Information

Information regarding gender, ethnic origin and race are optional. The information is requested for post-scholarship report generation only and in no way affects your selection for college scholarship awards. However, providing this information may increase your opportunities for scholarships where donors have asked that priority consideration be given to students meeting certain demographic criteria (such as minority status, area of study, etc.)

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Are you a U.S. Citizen: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Race/Ethnicity:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Race |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian American | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> White or Caucasian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic | |

Please check your Veteran status:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Child of a Veteran | <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse of a Veteran |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild of a Veteran | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the Above |

Are you a First-Generation College Student?

- ☐ Yes, I am the first among my parents or grandparents to attend college.
☐ No, neither my parents nor grandparents have attended college.

Which College/University do you plan to attend? _____

Major Area of Study: _____

Please indicate what is your major area of study

What is your career objective?

II. High School Information

Are you or will you be a May 2026 high school graduate?

☐ Yes ☐ No

High School Attended: _____

Most recent cumulative GPA: _____

High School activities, community activities, volunteer work, honors, offices held:

Letters of Recommendation: Please email letters of recommendation to info@cjsonfoundation.org.

1. Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

III. **Essay:** Reflect on the Core Values of the Coach Cornelia Jackson Foundation.

*Note: Essay must be typed.

For your personal essay (500–700 words), choose one of the core values of the Coach Cornelia Jackson Foundation that resonates most with you. In your essay, discuss the following:

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IV. Applicant's Signature

Next Steps:

- Once the application is submitted, it will be reviewed for eligibility and completeness. All requested documents are required at the time of submission. Any missing or unreadable documents will render the application incomplete and will require the applicant to resubmit.
- Selected applicants will be notified of their status and may be required to participate in a follow-up interview or provide additional information if necessary.
- If selected to receive a scholarship, the recipient must provide the following:
 - An official school acceptance letter verifying enrollment.
 - Proof of their class schedule for the upcoming term.

Important Note: Scholarships will only be disbursed after the required documents have been received and verified. Funds will be sent directly to the educational institution to ensure they are applied to tuition or other academic-related expenses.

Certification and Agreement:

By signing this application, I certify that all the information provided is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statements or misrepresentations may result in the denial or revocation of the scholarship.

I also acknowledge that additional documentation may be required to process this application, such as proof of enrollment, financial need, or academic transcripts. All required materials must be submitted by the stated deadline for the application to be considered complete.

Applicant's Signature:

Date: _____