



# Scholarship Application— Frequently Asked Questions

## **When is the application due?**

All components of the Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship are due February 1st at 5 PM (EST).

## **Do I have to be a high school senior?**

Yes, to be eligible for a Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship, an applicant must:

- Be a graduating, minority high school senior
- Plan to attend an accredited and approved four-year institution within the United States
- Show leadership potential
- Demonstrate a dedication to community service
- Present evidence of financial need
- Be a United States citizen
- Have a minimum SAT score of 1,000 combined on the math and critical reading sections or a composite ACT score of 21
- Not possess a degree from a 2 or 4-year college when applying for the scholarship

## **Can I apply even if I haven't been accepted to a college yet?**

Yes, you may apply for our scholarship if you haven't been accepted to a college yet. However, the awarding of the scholarship will require verification of enrollment.

## **How do you define "financial need?"**

The Jackie Robinson Foundation understands that there is a wide array of financial need. We will look at each application on a case by case basis.

## **Do I have to be a minority student to apply for this scholarship?**

The Jackie Robinson Foundation uses the U.S. Census Bureau definition of minority. If you feel that you are part of a minority group, we encourage you to apply.

## **If I will graduate from high school with an associate's degree, am I eligible to apply?**

To fully benefit from the JRF four-year mentoring and leadership curriculum, applicants who have an associate's degree at the time they graduate from high school must be enrolling in a four year bachelor's degree program with the intention to matriculate for four years.

## **If I plan to participate in a one year gap program, am I eligible to apply for the scholarship?**

Applicants who are involved with a transformational gap year between high school and college may be considered if: 1) studying in a program known for its academic rigor and immersion elements; or 2) studying the language of a host country; or 3) engaged in a sustainable service-learning or volunteering program. Preference will be given to individuals who have approved deferred college enrollment for the gap year.

## **I have never played any sports of any kind. Do I have to be an athlete to apply for this scholarship?**

The Jackie Robinson Foundation is a merit based academic scholarship. It is not a requirement that you participate in a sport.

## **How do you define community service and civic engagement?**

The Jackie Robinson Foundation is looking for the next group of leaders and innovators. We are looking for individuals that address community needs in insightful, thought provoking, exciting new ways. Whether it is starting a non-profit or school organization, reading to local students, volunteering in the food pantry, or building houses for the needy, JRF Scholars are ambassadors of Jackie's philosophy that, "A life is not important except in its impact on other lives."

## **Do I have to attend a HBCU (Historically Black College/University) to receive this award?**

No. The Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship allows you to attend ANY accredited and approved four-year institution within the United States.

## **Where do I send my application?**

The application and the letter of recommendation can only be submitted electronically via JRF's online application program, PowerSchool.

## **Can I download the application, complete, and send in a hard copy?**

No. The application can only be submitted online.

## **Who should complete the letter of recommendation?**

Your letter of recommendation should be submitted by someone who can provide information about your character, academic accomplishments, community service involvement and extracurricular activities. Possible recommenders to consider are: a guidance counselor, athletic coach, mentor, or employer.



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**My school prints my SAT/ACT scores on the back of my official transcript. Is it necessary for me to have College Board or ACT send you my test scores?**

Yes, since official high school transcripts are required of applicants invited to interview, you are required to have your SAT or ACT scores provided electronically from the testing services' sites to JRF.

**I am home schooled, what do I need to provide in lieu of a school district issued transcript?**

As a home schooled applicant, you should submit your parent-issued transcript.

**Do you grant extensions for late applications?**

No, we are unable to grant extensions for late applications.

**Is there someone I can call if I need help completing the application online?**

For questions regarding the requirements and content of the scholarship application, contact: Jackie Robinson Foundation – (212) 290-8600 or email [programs@jackierobinson.org](mailto:programs@jackierobinson.org). For computer related **technical assistance** using the online application go to: <https://help.powerschool.com/>

**When will I find out if I received the scholarship award?**

You will be notified of your status by June 30th.

**How many awards do you typically give out?**

The number of scholarship awards distributed varies each year, but typically, 40 to 60 awards are given out annually.

**If I am awarded the scholarship, do I receive financial support for the four years that I am in college and meet the requirements?**

Yes. The Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship award is disbursed over four years.

**I will be in a five-year program in college. Will JRF support me in my fifth year?**

The JRF commitment is for four years of college.

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