



THE DIVINE DIVAS OF JACKSONVILLE, INC.

Sheryl Yvette Cole Scholarship Award

Application Packet

I. Scholarship Overview

The Divine Divas of Jacksonville, Inc. proudly presents the **Sheryl Yvette Cole Scholarship Award**, established to honor the legacy of Sheryl Yvette Cole and her unwavering commitment to education, leadership, and community uplift. This scholarship recognizes an outstanding high school senior who exemplifies academic excellence, integrity, and a demonstrated dedication to serving others.

The recipient will be selected by the Scholarship Committee based on the criteria outlined in this packet and the strength of the submitted application materials.

II. Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet **all** of the following requirements:

1. Enrollment Status

- Must be a graduating high school senior from an accredited high school.

2. Academic Standing

- Must hold a minimum cumulative GPA of **2.8**, verified by an official transcript.

3. Leadership and Involvement

- Must demonstrate documented leadership experience through school organizations, extracurricular activities, employment, or community engagement.

4. Community Commitment

- Must show a consistent record of volunteerism, service, or initiatives that positively impact the community and reflect the values of The Divine Divas of Jacksonville.

5. Post-Secondary Intent

- Must provide proof of intent to enroll in an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical program for the upcoming academic year.

6. Application Materials

A complete application packet must include:

- Completed application form
- Personal essay
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official high school transcript
- Proof of college or vocational program application or acceptance
- Any additional documentation requested by the Scholarship Committee

7. Character and Conduct

- Must demonstrate integrity, professionalism, and a positive reputation among peers, educators, and community members.

III. Application Instructions

To be considered, applicants must submit **all required materials** by the stated deadline of June 20, 2026;11:59 PM. **Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed.**

Submission Requirements

- All documents except application form must be typed.
- All materials must be submitted in one packet (physical hard copy only).
- Letters of recommendation must be recent, signed and dated by the recommender.
- Transcripts must be official and sealed if submitted physically. (preferred)
- Transcripts can be submitted by email **but must come directly from the school.**

IV. Required Documents

1. Completed Application Form

(See Section VI)

2. Personal Essay

Applicants must submit a **500–750-word essay** addressing the following prompt:

Essay Prompt: “Why I want to Further My Education”

Essays will be evaluated on clarity, depth, originality, and alignment with the values of the scholarship.

3. Letters of Recommendation

Two letters are required:

- One from a teacher, counselor, or school administrator
- One from a community leader, employer, mentor, or volunteer supervisor

Letters should address the applicant’s character, leadership, academic performance, and community involvement.

4. Official Transcript

Must include cumulative GPA and be issued by the school registrar.

5. Proof of Post-Secondary Intent

Examples include:

- College acceptance letter
- Confirmation of application submission
- Enrollment verification (if available)

V. Selection Process

The Scholarship Committee will review all completed applications. Selection will be based on:

- Academic achievement
- Leadership experience
- Community involvement
- Strength of essay
- Letters of recommendation
- Extra Bonus Points

VI. Application Form

APPLICANT INFORMATION

- Full Name: _____
- Date of Birth: _____
- Home Address: _____
- Phone Number: _____
- Email Address: _____

EDUCATION INFORMATION

- High School Name: _____
- Expected Graduation Date: _____
- Cumulative GPA: _____
- Counselor's Name & Contact: _____

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

- Intended College/Program: _____
- Intended Major/Field of Study: _____

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (List up to five activities, roles, or organizations)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

CERTIFICATION I certify that all information provided in this application is accurate and truthful. I understand that providing false information may result in disqualification.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

VII. Submission Deadline

All application materials must be submitted by: **11:59 P.M. Saturday June 20, 2026**

Applications may be submitted:

- **By email:** divinedivasofjacksonville@mail.com
- **By mail:** 6506 Thurgood Circle W. Jacksonville, FL 32219
- **In person:** 6506 Thurgood Circle W. Jacksonville, FL 32219

VIII. Contact Information

For questions or additional information, please contact: **The Divine Divas of Jacksonville, Inc.**

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