



EDWARDSVILLE BRANCH NAACP/MARY & RAY JONES EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION

The Edwardsville NAACP/Mary & Ray Jones Education Grant is awarded to deserving graduating students from Edwardsville School District #7, and other qualifying high school seniors. The eligibility requirements are:

- * Student must have maintained at least a “C” average.
- * **Official Transcript REQUIRED**
- * **Two letters of recommendation** from high school staff members.
- * One-page typed **Biography**
- * One-page typed **“Essay”**: Which jobs are most likely to become obsolete due to advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI), and why?
- * **Completed application and all documents must be Post Marked “NO EXCEPTIONS” by MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026. (Please take your application inside the Post Office and Request a Manual Postmark)**
- * Financial need considered.
- * Grants will be dispersed upon receipt of your acceptance letter and class schedule
- * Recipients are **EXPECTED** to attend the Freedom Fund Banquet on **SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026, 3:00PM** at SIUE Meridian Ball Room. A complimentary ticket will be provided for the recipient.

PLEASE SUBMIT A TYPED APPLICATION. RESPONSES MAY BE TYPED SEPARATELY. NAACP GRANT APPLICATION CAN BE ACCESSED ONLINE AT <http://edwardsvillenaacp.org/>. ONLY TYPED APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

APPLICANT'S NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ NUMBER OF SIBLINGS IN COLLEGE _____

FATHER'S NAME _____

MOTHER'S NAME _____

HOUSEHOLD INCOME: \$30,000 or under _____ \$31,000 to 60,000 _____

\$61,000 to 90,000 _____ \$91,000 and above _____

1. COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION SCORE

ACT SCORE _____

SAT SCORE _____

DATE _____

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2. GRADE POINT AVERAGE/CLASS RANK

Please indicate the total grade point average and class rank.

GPA _____ CLASS RANK _____

3. ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS. Please list all activities, organizations and/or offices held in which you have been involved while in high school.

4. EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE. If you have worked part-time or full-time after school or during vacation periods, please list the places of employment, the average number of hours you worked each week, and your job responsibilities.

5. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLIED FOR. Have you applied for any state or federal financial assistance? _____ If yes, please list the programs to which you have applied.

6. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RECEIVED. Have you received formal offers of financial assistance? _____ If yes, please list the programs that have offered assistance.

7. COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE. Please indicate all institutions of higher learning from which you have received written notice of acceptance.

8. Please provide a one-page typed concise biography of yourself, using 12-point font. Describe your short-term and long-range goals and explain why you think you are the best candidate for the Edwardsville NAACP/Mary & Ray Jones Education Grant.

* One-page Essay on, **Which jobs are most likely to become obsolete due to advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI), and why?**

9. The essay should be typed using 12-point font. Your name should appear on the Essay.

10. Application **MUST BE POSTMARKED "NO EXCEPTIONS"**
by **MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026.** (Please take your application inside the Post Office and Request a Manual Postmark)

Return application to:

Edwardsville Branch of NAACP

Attn. Ms. Debra J. Pitts

P.O. Box 12

Edwardsville, IL 62025

Failure to answer all questions and submit requested documents by the deadline will result in the disqualification of your application. Decisions are made by the NAACP Grant Committee. All decisions are final.