

**United Way  
of West Tennessee**



### **The Dr. Barbara Jones Educational Empowerment for Young Women Scholarship**

This scholarship is designated for an African American female student seeking financial assistance to attend a four-year college or university beginning fall semester 2023. The applicant must reside in West Tennessee and should have maintained a B average or above throughout high school. She will be expected to continue the same academic standards in order to receive funding each year while pursuing her undergraduate degree. While not a requirement, a first-generation college student would be a favorable consideration. The funding will be distributed by United Way of West Tennessee for Dr. Barbara Jones in honor of the Weakley County Reconciliation Project. A five-member independent committee comprised of WCRP members and community members in West Tennessee will work with United Way of West Tennessee to select the recipient.

The process begins with the completion of the application, including the submission of academic and character references from at least three persons or sources. A personal essay written by the applicant should be included, which should provide her biographical information, statement of financial need, character strengths, personal interests, and extracurricular activities. She should include her top two preferred college destinations, the major she wishes to pursue and her reason for seeking and achieving a college education. The applicant should include her dreams and visions regarding her future life based on this educational experience.

The completed application, references, and transcripts should be sent to United Way of West Tennessee (470 N Parkway, Jackson, TN 38305) by February 22, 2023. The recipient will be notified of their selection by March 31, 2023. Tuition payments will be distributed annually in equal disbursements by United Way of West Tennessee to the college or university the recipient will be attending.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent/Guardian(s) of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Household Income (please circle one):

\$25,000 or below

\$26,000 to \$50,000

\$50,000 to \$100,000

\$100,000 or above

Family Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings and Ages:

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Are any of your current siblings enrolled in college? Yes No

**Reference #1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference #2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference #3**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_