

JEANETTE SHELL BOOK SCHOLARSHIP FUND, Inc.

2025

APPLICATION

**Post Office Box #688
Maplewood, NJ 07040**

Dear Participant:

Enclosed is the 2025 Jeanette Shell Scholarship Application. Please read and carefully complete all information as requested. There will be only one (1) scholarship award per applicant.

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A checklist of items is listed below for your convenience to ensure you have completed all parts of the application as required.

CHECKLIST:

Official Transcript

Completed Computer Generated Application

Township of Union Public Library Card

Typed Essay (250-300) words double spaced answer to Essay question

**Two (2) letters of recommendation on community related activities
and two (2) letters of recommendation on school related activities.**

Proof of registration at a post-secondary accredited college, university or an accredited trade school.

Mail or submit your completed computer-generated application to:

Jeanette Shell Book Scholarship Committee

Attn: Mr. Floyd Patterson

P.O. Box 688

Maplewood, NJ 07040 or email: flopat168@gmail.com

Your application must be postmarked no later than midnight, *May 15, 2025* If you have any questions, contact Mr. Floyd Patterson @ (908) 337-1014 or Ms. Bertha Little-Mathews (908) 578-0628

All awards are administered under the auspices of the officers and board of directors of the corporation.

Respectfully,

The Jeanette Shell Book Scholarship, Inc. Fund Committee

Mrs. Jeanette Shell, a longtime resident of the Vauxhall community, began her career at the Vauxhall branch of the Township of Union Public Library in 1949. She was the first African American Librarian in Vauxhall, New Jersey. Through the years, Mrs. Shell used her intelligence, coupled with commitment and study, to acquire the professional skills needed to perform various duties. This resulted in a steady stream of promotions beginning with the moved from Junior Library Assistant to Senior Library Assistant in 1957.

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Later, Mrs. Shell worked in the Reference Department and in the 1960s was promoted to scheduling all employees within the Township's library system. Whenever serving in these various capacities, Mrs. Shell extended the utmost kindness and courtesies. Admired by many in her community, she served as a positive role model to her coworkers and clients.

PURPOSE:

The Jeanette Shell Book Scholarship Fund, established upon the retirement of Mrs. Shell, seeks to continually honor her for her forty-five years of dedicated service she rendered to her community by aiding graduating Union High School seniors or post-secondary school students each year with financial assistance.

In 1998, on the recommendation of Mrs. Jeanette Shell, she established to honor the work of the late Mrs. Judith Murphy and Mrs. Rose Sloan for their contribution during their tenure at the Vauxhall Branch of the Township of Union Public Library, recognizes this scholarship will be presented to graduating Union High School seniors or post-secondary school students each year with financial assistance

PURPOSE:

To be eligible for the Jeanette Shell Book Scholarship Award, all applicants must:

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- Be a resident of the Township of Union and of African-American descent.
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.8 ("C" Average)
- Provide proof of being registered or attending a post-secondary institution.
- A typed sort essay (no less than 250 words and no more than 300, double-spaced) on the essay question.
Social Media is an influential form of electronic communication. In some instances, it has been essential and critical to one's daily activities as well as the sole source of local and global events. Is social media a blessing or a curse? Please explain with specific examples.
- Proof of a Township of Union Library Card
- Two (2) letters of recommendation on community related activities and
- two (2) letters of recommendations on school related activities.

Applicant Information:

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

email:

High School/College Now Attending:

City:

State:

Zip:

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

GPA: _____

High School Rank: _____ Out Of: _____

Post-High School Institutions Applied To:

1.

2.

3.

(2) SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION CONTACT INFO:

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Name:

Address:

City:

State:

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(2) COMMUNITY-RELATED ACTIVITIES LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION CONTACT INFO:

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

email:

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

email: