



# MAYNARD JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

## Maynard Jackson First in Family Scholarship

The **First in Family Scholarship** recognizes the academic achievement and potential of students who are the first in their family to be attending college. Our school namesake, Maynard H. Jackson, Jr., believed in the value of learning, and spent his life in the service of Atlanta youth and families. Maynard H. Jackson High School PTSA is honoring his memory by funding a scholarship for students who will be the first in their families to take on the mantle of higher learning.

Annual award of \$250 scholarships for graduating seniors determined by the approved annual PTSA budget, the collaboration of the Scholarship Committee, and the current MJHS PTSA. Recipients are chosen by the PTSA Scholarship Committee using eligibility requirements established by the committee and approved by the MJHS PTSA board. Questions can be directed to [scholarship@mjhsptsa.org](mailto:scholarship@mjhsptsa.org) or contact the counseling office.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- You must be accepted into an accredited four-year college.
- You must be the first in your immediate family to be attending college.
- You must demonstrate financial need (as determined by eligibility for free or reduced lunch). The Committee will verify with senior counselor, while maintaining student confidentiality.
- You must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 (at the end of the first semester of senior year).
- You must be a resident of the City of Atlanta.
- You must attend Maynard H. Jackson High School.

### How to apply:

- a. Complete the First in Family application and submit the following:
- b. a sealed letter of reference written by a school official (i.e. counselor, teacher, coach, etc.)
- c. a copy of your college acceptance letter.
- d. a sealed academic transcript or grade verification form from your MJHS counselor.
- e. a 500 word typed essay addressing the prompt below. Please format your single-spaced essay in 12 pt. Arial font. (Leave personal identifiable information out of your essay)

### Essay prompt:

Option 1. "In what tangible ways will this scholarship assist you in being the first in your family to attend college?"

Option 2. After reading the Maynard Jackson Eyes on the Prize II Interviews (Question 1), discuss how higher education will allow you to bring needed change to your community and/or your family.

<http://digital.wustl.edu/e/eii/eiiweb/jac5427.0710.075maynardjackson.html>

### Selection Criteria:

- Preference given to students with mid-range academic performance (2.8 to 3.4)
- Preference given to students involved within the community (their neighborhood, at MJHS, other organizations, etc.)
- Preference given to students with demonstrated leadership potential.

### Deadline:

All materials must be submitted by March 10th in the Counselor's Suite

### Award Notification:

Four scholarships will be awarded for the 2020-2021 school year.

Recipients will be notified by April 1, 2020.

Awards can only be paid directly to College Bursar's Office.