

## **+** Tips for a Stronger Application

### **1. Stick to the question**

Make sure you answer the question completely.

### **2. Proofread**

Proofreading can catch errors within your writing that you may not notice initially. If a resume is full of errors, it may appear that the applicant does not pay attention to detail.

### **3. Adhere to deadlines**

Create a timeline for yourself that includes times when you want to finish drafts of the application and have it proofread.

### **4. Don't write how you talk**

When casually speaking, we interrupt ourselves, repeat ourselves, and use fillers.

### **5. Pay attention to word count**

Most applications specify word count. Answering the question completely will increase your chances of having a successful application.

### **6. Size and font consistency**

Font and size should be consistent throughout the document. Font should be no smaller than 12.

### **7. Transcript**

Your transcript does not need to be an official university copy. High school transcripts must be official.

### **8. Essay**

Thinking about reapplying for the scholarship again? Please include in your essay your career goals and describe why you intend to pursue that path.

James R. & Anita H. Jenkins

# Endowed Scholarship



# Application

## James R. & Anita H. Jenkins Endowed Scholarship



**PLEASE COMPLETE ALL THREE SECTIONS - DEADLINE EXTEND TO JUNE 30, 2021**

### DONOR INFORMATION

James and Anita Jenkins have provided opportunities for educational growth through their personal gifts and also philanthropically through The James R. and Anita Horne Jenkins Family Foundation. Their generous giving serves as a mechanism by which they strive to “stand in the gap” for communities important to them. Their goal is to positively impact individuals marginalized by past and present circumstances or those underserved by existing institutions, organizations, and groups.

### AWARD AMOUNT

The award for the 2021-2022 academic year is \$1,250. The award will be split equally between fall and spring semesters.

### SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

The James R. and Anita H. Jenkins Endowed Scholarship is an annual award available to each, a (1) first year student, (1) sophomore, (1) junior and (1) senior. Students are eligible for scholarship renewal dependent upon satisfactory academic performance. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate leadership and community involvement and attended a public school in Saginaw, Bay City, Ypsilanti, Willow Run, Detroit, Flint and Midland, MI; Rock Island, North Chicago, Waukegan and Chicago, IL; Cedar Rapids, and Davenport, IA; Memphis and Jackson, TN with a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5.

Applicants will provide an essay (1,000 words or less) on the following topic: What are some of the most important considerations in order to achieve successful local alliances, or coalitions among communities of color, for equity and justice? Communities of color include African American, Latinx, Asian American, Native American, and mixed race groups. Are there different considerations when working for broad social change when compared to working for change within institutions? What strategies can be used to avoid common sources of conflict within and between groups? Please provide concrete examples.

Students who receive the James R. and Anita H. Jenkins Scholarship will be a part of a diverse community at CMU. In addition to the financial award, recipients will meet monthly with their scholarship advisor to encourage academic success and progress toward their degree.

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

#### Criteria

- A U.S. Citizen
- Enrolled full-time in an approved baccalaureate degree
- Cumulative GPA of 2.50 or greater throughout the academic career

#### Application Requirements

- Completed Application Form
- Essay
- Unofficial Transcripts/Official high school transcripts for incoming students
- Resume (optional)
- One (1) Letter of Recommendation (required) (additional letters optional)

**SECTION I Personal Information**

Last Name	First Name	Middle	Former name (if any)
(Permanent) Address	City	State	Zip Code
Email Address	Phone Number (home/mobile)		
Birthdate _____			
U.S. Citizen:	YES	NO	PELL Grant Eligible: YES NO
How did you hear about the James R. and Anita H. Jenkins Endowed Scholarship?			
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**SECTION II Educational Background**

Educational Institutions (Current/Previous)	Dates of participation (month/year)
_____	from _____ to _____
_____	from _____ to _____

Major/Minor	Major GPA	Cumulative GPA	Class Standing
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**SECTION III Checklist**

- a. Completed Application
- b. Unofficial CMU/College Transcripts / Official high school transcripts for incoming students
- c. Completed Essay
- d. One (1) Letter of Recommendation (required)
- e. Resume (optional)

**References:** One required and second optional

Name: _____	Name: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
E-mail: _____	E-mail: _____
Relationship: _____	Relationship: _____
Years known: _____	Years known: _____

**Return completed application to: Office for Institutional Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Central Michigan University | Warriner 319 | Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859; or email completed application packet to Lori Swift at [swift11l@cmich.edu](mailto:swift11l@cmich.edu).**