



*Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated  
Indianapolis Chapter  
Tanya Hand Legacy Book Award*

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. – Indianapolis Chapter is pleased to announce its **Tanya Hand Legacy Book Award**. This book award is in honor of Past National Vice President Tanya Hand, who served in the national organization, the Mid-Western Region and the Indianapolis Chapter collectively for 22 years. PNVP Hand’s favorite quote is as follows:

*“Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time.”*  
- Marian Wright Edelman

The purpose of the book award is to assist graduating high school seniors in obtaining a college education and to promote Jack and Jill of America, Inc. The book award targets underrepresented minority high school seniors in the Indianapolis Metropolitan area who plan to attend a historically Black college or university (HBCU).

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. was founded on January 24, 1938 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania by Marion Stubbs Thomas along with the leadership of Louise Truitt Dench and 20 charter members. Since 1938, the organization has continued to thrive. Today Jack and Jill of America, Inc. has a strong and growing membership base of over 14,000 members and 40,000 families in 252 chapters. As the largest African American family organization in the United States – Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is committed to ensuring that **all** children have the same opportunities in life.

Chartered in 1951, the Indianapolis Chapter continues to serve the Indianapolis community under the leadership of President Annette Suggs. If you are interested in applying for the Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Indianapolis Chapter Tanya Hand Legacy Book Award, please e-mail your completed application and supporting documentation to: [indyjjcsc@gmail.com](mailto:indyjjcsc@gmail.com); e-mail subject line: Last Name, First Name – IndyJJBAA2023. Completed applications must be submitted by **February 28, 2023**.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

### High School Applicant Eligibility:

- African American or under-represented minority student
- Resident of Indianapolis, Indiana or surrounding areas
- Graduating High School Senior
- Pursuing an Undergraduate Academic Degree Beginning in Fall 2023
- Minimum Cumulative GPA: **2.5/4.0** or **3.5/5.0 scale**
- Enrollment in a HBCU Beginning in Fall 2023
- Twenty (20) Hours of Volunteer Service

### Application Materials:

- Completed Application
- 1-Page Essay
- 2 X 4 Photo (high resolution preferred)
- Proof of HBCU Acceptance Letter for Fall 2023
- Letter of Recommendation (recommender will submit)
- Proof of Volunteer Service (letter from company or org.)
- Official Transcript (high school counselor will submit)

**Award Amount:** Minimum \$500.00

**Application Deadline:** February 28, 2023



## TANYA HAND LEGACY BOOK AWARD APPLICATION – Part 1

Applicant Name (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a graduating high school senior?  Yes  No Are you a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana?  Yes  No

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (City/ST) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ School Presently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Other High School(s) Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Race (*check all that apply*)

Ethnicity (Optional):

African American/Black

Yes – Hispanic Origin

American Indian or Alaska Native

No - not of Hispanic Origin

Asian

Pacific Islander/Hawaiian

White/Caucasian

Other

### ***Activities, Community Service, Honors and Awards***

*(Attach additional pages as needed.)*

Current School Activities/Organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

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Honors/Awards/Recognitions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you completed at least 20 hours of community service?  Yes  No

(Please provide a verification letter from the service organization(s) where you volunteered. The letter must be in company letterhead and submitted via email to [indyjjcsc@gmail.com](mailto:indyjjcsc@gmail.com); e-mail subject line: Last Name, First Name – IndyJJBA2023).



### Essay

Please include your typed 1-page essay attachment with this application. Essays will be evaluated based on the extent to which they meet the given essay guidelines/criteria.

**Formatting Guidelines:** The essay should have a maximum of 500 words, typed and single-spaced in a standard 12-point font with 1-inch margins. (Recommended font styles – Times New Roman or Calibri)

**Essay Questions (choose ONE of the following):** Your High School Senior Applicant Essay should include responses to the following question(s):

*Essay Question 1:* What attributes do you have that make you a leader, and how have you demonstrated those leadership skills in your school and/or community? List specific examples.

*Essay Question 2:* In recent years, the importance of mental health has become a key topic of discussion and focus. As you continue to navigate life's ups and downs, what steps do you take to ensure that your mental health remains in a good state?

### Applicant Statement of Agreement

If I receive this award, I agree to submit proof of full-time enrollment and attendance at an accredited college or university for Fall 2023. I also agree to use the book award funds towards my educational expenses.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Application Deadline and Submission

The completed application with photo and HBCU acceptance letter, official transcript, letter of recommendation, and verification letter of community service hours are to be sent via e-mail to [indyjjcsc@gmail.com](mailto:indyjjcsc@gmail.com); e-mail subject line: Last Name, First Name – IndyJJBAA2023. *Example:* Doe, John – IndyJJBAA2023

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## ***Application Checklist***

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- 1-Page Essay attached with application
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