



**The OPHELIA Foundation**

**Class of 2021 Scholarship Guidelines**

**Scholarship Application Deadline:** 11:59 p.m. EDT May 31, 2021

**The OPHELIA Foundation Class of 2021 Scholarships**

The OPHELIA Foundation is pleased to announce its Class of 2021 scholarships.

The OPHELIA Foundation Class of 2021 scholarships support graduating seniors from a high school in the DMV (DC/MD/VA) area. Eligibility requirements and instructions for applying for the 2021 scholarships are outlined below. Only applications **received by** 11:59 p.m. EDT on Monday, May 31, 2021, will be considered.

**Eligibility Requirements**

A Class of 2021 applicant must be:

1. A graduating senior from a high school in the DMV (DC/MD/VA) area.
2. A student with a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
3. A U.S. citizen.
4. Accepted as a full-time and first-term matriculating freshman at an accredited college or university (excluding the Army, Navy, or Air Force Academy) or an accredited two-year community college at the time the award is presented.
5. Planning to pursue a baccalaureate degree.
6. Eligible for the scholarship award as determined by the donor's criteria (refer to the scholarship description for each award for specific criteria).

**Scholarship Awards**

Eligibility requirements for the OPHELIA Foundation Class of 2021 scholarships are based on criteria set by the donor. Applicants are encouraged to apply for all scholarships for which they are eligible. However, only one scholarship will be awarded to an applicant.



The one-year Class of 2021 scholarship awards will be paid to the recipient's academic institution in one disbursement (contingent on the terms of the Foundation's scholarship memorandum of understanding).



### **Scholarships for the Class of 2021**

Please indicate which scholarship(s) you are applying for.

- All Scholarships
- The Ophelia Scholarship (\$1,000). See scholarship criteria on page 3.
- The Joan Gooch Scholarship (\$1,000). See scholarship criteria on pages 3-4.
- The Edward Gerald Jones, Sr. Scholarship (\$1,000). See scholarship criteria on page 4.
- The Offie Porat Soldin Scholarship (\$1,000). See scholarship criteria on page 4.
- The SJB Academic Scholarship (\$1,000). See scholarship criteria on pages 4-5.

#### **The Ophelia Scholarship (\$1,000)**

The Ophelia Scholarship is named in honor of the Foundation's two namesakes. These amazing women were trailblazers in their own right and excelled on multiple levels. This need-based scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior in the DMV area who is an all-around student. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need.

#### **The Joan Gooch Scholarship (\$1,000)**

The Joan Gooch Scholarship is in honor of the late Joan Gooch. A native of St. Louis, Mo, Joan Gooch was the 6th oldest of 10 children. She was the daughter of a school custodian and a bank teller. Joan was a strong believer that education was the key to success. She finished high school and some college. Joan wanted nothing but the best for her own daughter, so she pushed her to continue her education after high school. She always wanted her daughter to pursue a degree in the field of medical sciences and to become a doctor. Joan enjoyed life and always encouraged others to get their education. In 2002, Joan succumbed to cancer. This scholarship honors one of the most important keys to success that Joan Gooch advocated for. (*Refer to criteria on page 4*).



**The Joan Gooch Scholarship Criteria:**

- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Must provide 2 references from teachers
- Attendance at an HBCU is strongly preferred
- Preference will be given to a student seeking a degree in the field of Medical Sciences
- Must be from a low-income family in need of funding

**The Edward Gerald Jones Sr. Scholarship (\$1,000)**

The Edward Gerald Jones Sr Scholarship is named in honor of the donor's father. This amazing man spent his career at Kent State University and was a constant student himself. This need-based scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior in the DMV area who is majoring in STEM. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need.

**The Offie Porat Soldin Scholarship (\$1,000)**

Offie was a long term member of Therapeutic Drug Monitoring Editorial Board, and the first Review Editor of the Journal. She was a loving mother, grandmother, aunt and wife, and in addition to her scientific career she completed an MBA and was a licensed pilot. During her high school years she completed Cum Laude the London Royal Conservatory of Music (piano). The term "impossible" did not exist in her vocabulary.

Offie, a Georgetown Lombardi member in DC since 2003, was an associate professor in the Departments of Oncology, Medicine, Physiology and Obstetrics and Gynecology. Her research focused on thyroid disease and tobacco control, and she was equally comfortable and effective working with both clinical and population science colleagues. Publishing 80 peer review papers and well funded by the NIH and other agencies, Offie was a committed educator: she directed two graduate courses; co-directed a pharmacology elective for second-year medical students; and taught thyroid cancer genetics, tumor biology and radiation health within the Department of Oncology.

This scholarship is intended for exceptional students who plan on pursuing studies in the areas of Arts, Medicine, Business, Science and Technology.

**SJB Academic Scholarship (\$1,000)**

The SJB Academic Scholarship is created in honor of lifelong educator, Sheryl J. Brown. For over 40 years, Sheryl Brown was an exceptional leader dedicated to educating students, grades Kindergarten-12, in

schools across the world. Almost half of her career was spent at the Kindergarten level in Title 1 schools. Sheryl's many accolades include Mentor and Cooperating Teacher of the Year, and Teacher of the Year (2016). Sheryl personally mentored and instructed twelve new teachers in a cooperative classroom environment, and she was Grade-level Lead for seven years.

It has always been her mission to inspire a love for learning that will last a lifetime for all of her students. Although she is now retired, she continues that inspiration through volunteer work with Spotsylvania County Schools (VA) and with gift of the SJB Academic Scholarship. This need-based scholarship will be awarded to a high achieving student. who attended a Title 1 School. This student must demonstrate exceptional leadership potential and a commitment to his/her community.

Criteria:

- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher
- Must provide 2 references from teachers and/or service organizations with whom the student has worked
- Must provide a personal statement which demonstrates the value of pursuing a higher education towards achieving the student's goals
- Preference will be given to a student pursuing a degree in Education or with aspirations to be a teacher/professor
- Preference will be given to a student who attended a Title 1 School

### **Application Requirements for the Class of 2021 Scholarships**

Applicants for The OPHELIA Foundation Scholarship must provide:

1. A completed application neatly typed, all questions answered, and signed by the parent/guardian and the applicant.
2. The completed application and supporting documentation (excluding the official high school transcript) must be submitted electronically in one file to [scholarships@opheliafoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@opheliafoundation.org).
3. The official high school transcript (with school's seal and in a sealed envelope) for grades through the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the senior year must be mailed to the Foundation.
4. Proof of U.S. citizenship (e.g., certified birth certificate, U.S. Passport).
5. Two letters of recommendation on the organization's official letterhead from:
  - Teacher or Counselor and/or
  - Community Leader
6. Evidence that you have a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
7. A copy of your most recent Student Aid Report with your Expected Financial Contribution (EFC) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
8. A typewritten resume listing extracurricular activities (schools, community, church, etc.), jobs, and honors and awards received.
9. A typed essay consisting of a maximum of 1,000 words that addresses the following essay topic:

### **Essay Topic**

*As COVID has changed the environment and world in the past year, how have you adjusted your life to not only thrive but also to be of service to others?*