

Ashley Jadine Foundation

A life is lost to suicide every 12.8 minutes in the United States and the Centers for Disease Control reports that suicide is the second leading cause of death among 15- to 24-year-olds.

Dr. Cheryl L. Duncan established the Ashley Jadine Foundation (AJF) to shed light on the prevalence of suicide and mental illness among our youth after her daughter, Ashley Jadine Duncan, died by suicide on January 30, 2012. Ashley was 17 years old and a senior at Bellaire High School at the time of her death. Through social media (Twitter, Tumblr, Facebook, etc.), Ashley kept many of her mental health challenges hidden from her parents, brother, and friends. An unfortunate result of posting mental health crises on social media is decreased response time and ineffective intervention. For example, a post on Twitter can be lost on the information superhighway while a tragedy unfolds. Such was the case with Ashley. The week and final weekend before she died, social media sites were filled with posts foretelling her tragic end. All the signs were there. Unfortunately, no one acted. Although she had been hospitalized, counseled, and placed on medications, the severity of her depression was kept hidden from loved ones who were not connected with Ashley on social media.

The mission of AJF, a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization, is to prevent suicide among young people by increasing awareness in the community through education, scholarships, and community partnerships. Other support-related services to address suicide prevention in teens include: • Speaking Engagements • Annual Lecture Series • Social Media Awareness, and • Annual Fundraising Events. In memory of Ashley and her grandmother, Dr. Nadine Dabney, a one-time scholarship in the amount of \$1250 to assist a graduating high school senior with educational expenses at a college or university is awarded each spring. Dr. Dabney was an advocate for education and was an inspiration to those who knew her. Her commitment to education was a true testament to “education is our passport to the future.” If you or a high school senior you know is interested in applying for the “One Wing” Scholarship, please see the criteria below to learn more about the scholarship requirements and deadline. You can also find the scholarship information on the Ashley Jadine Foundation website, www.ashleyjadinefoundation.org

The completed application must be **postmarked by March 28, 2026 (if mailing)** and mailed to:

**Ashley Jadine Foundation
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Houston, Texas 77231
(713) 320-8815**

Email: ashleyjadine17@yahoo.com
Facebook: [Ashley Jadine Foundation](#)
[Instagram: ashleyjadinefoundation](#)
<http://www.ashleyjadinefoundation.org>

All online applications must be received by 11:59 pm on March 29, 2026.

Criteria for Ashley Jadine Foundation - One Wing Scholarship

- Must be a 2026 graduating senior and attend a Houston Area High School
- Should be enrolled in a two or four year college or university
- Must have a high school overall grade point average of **2.5** or above
- Applicant should have demonstrated at least 10 or more hours of community service (church, school, or community)
- Applicant must submit a 150 word response to **each** of the questions:
 - (1) Why Do You Want to Attend College? (2) What Have You Done to Prepare Yourself for College? (3) Please describe an obstacle that you were able to overcome.
- Applicant must have two letters of recommendation.
 - (1) Academic focused (school official such as principal, teacher, counselor etc.)
 - (2) Character focused (pastor, employer, coach etc.)
 - (3) Leadership focused (school official or community member)
- High school transcript and proof of residence such as a utility bill.

“One Wing” Scholarship Application

1. Name _____ Age _____
2. Graduating High School _____
3. Class Rank _____ out of _____ Students; Grade Point Average: _____ / 4.0 Scale
4. Street Address _____

CityStateZip
5. Email Address _____
6. Telephone _____

HomeMobilPagerOther
7. Parent/Guardian _____ Occupation _____
8. Parent/Guardian _____ Occupation _____
9. Number of Dependents Residing At Home (including self) _____ Ages _____
10. Number of Dependents in College _____ Ages _____
11. List community service activities and hours participated.

12. List activities, leadership positions/offices held and honors outside of school (community, church, etc.)

List high school activities, sports, and leadership positions/offices held.

13. Have you applied for admission to a college or university? _____

14. Have you been accepted? _____

15a. Name of College or University _____

15. What field of study do you wish to pursue? _____

16. On a separate sheet, in 150 words, (typed and, double-spaced), include a concise response to each of the following questions:

(1) Why Do You Want to Attend College?

(2) What Have You Done to Prepare Yourself for College?

(3) Please describe an obstacle that you were able to overcome.

Note: Please complete all items on application. **Leave no blanks. If a question does not apply, state “None” or “N/A.”** Please attach all requested documents to the application (transcript, recommendations, and essays).

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Scholarship Checklist

This checklist is provided to ensure that the applicant has included all of the required documentation needed for the Scholarship. Applicant should complete the checklist before mailing application packet.

Note: Incomplete application packets will be disqualified.

Applicant's Name _____

Applicant's High School _____

Completed Application

- **Response to Questions (150 Words for EACH question listed below):**

Why Do You Want to Attend College? What Have You Done to Prepare Yourself for College? Please describe an obstacle that you were able to overcome. _____

- **Two (2) Recommendation Letters** _____

- **High school transcript** _____

- **Utility bill to verify proof of residency** _____

Date Application Packet Mailed _____

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX

Date Application Received _____ Does Applicant meet criteria? _____

Application Score _____