

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SHADES VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL/TECHNICAL ACADEMIES PROGRAM APPLICATION**

- Jefferson County Academy of Business and Finance
- Jefferson County Academy of Theatre

Please check above all that apply if you are applying to more than one academy. Submit completed applications to the Google Link below:

<https://forms.gle/69AgDvhJrQiHeYnCA>

STUDENT NAME _____ PREFERRED NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ STUDENT EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

PRESENT SCHOOL _____ PRESENT GRADE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN(S)

NAME _____ NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

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TRANSFER STUDENT? Yes _____ No _____

WHAT SCHOOL ARE YOU CURRENTLY ZONED FOR? _____

(Refers to any student not currently zoned for Shades Valley High School. Students living outside of Jefferson County School District limits will be required to pay tuition.)

I understand that an academy is a four-year program of study except for an apprenticeship. It may include composition and literature, mathematics, science, social studies and foreign language. I also understand that I must complete the state requirements in physical education, career preparedness, fine arts, and health. Admission to an academy program for a diploma depends upon meeting admission requirements outlined for each program (see page 3). I must successfully complete the course sequence and participate in required activities.

I understand that I am expected to maintain above average conduct and an academic grade point average of 2.5 or above. If I fail to meet these expectations, I may be dismissed from the program

To be eligible for consideration, I must meet the following requirements:

1. Have a 2.5 or above academic GPA for the last two available semesters. A copy of my permanent record card and test scores must be included with this application and I must be on track for graduation.
2. Have met special requirements for the chosen academy program; e.g. theatre audition, math/science teacher recommendation, counselor recommendation, etc. (see attached)
3. Submit a handwritten personal essay which explains why I want to attend a particular academy. Explain what I hope to gain from attending that academy as well as list any previous accomplishments and goals for the future in my chosen area of study.
4. Understand that academy classes may be challenging due to high expectations and advanced level coursework.
5. Submit a signed student and parent/guardian contract agreeing to abide by all academy standards.
6. Show proof of my residence within Jefferson County School District.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian(s) Signature(s) _____ Date _____

**All parts of the application must be completed and signed by the deadline for acceptance into an academy.*

STUDENT CONTRACT

I understand that if I am accepted to an academy, I will meet the following criteria:

- 1) I agree to attend required academy classes at Shades Valley for one year with the option to continue within the same academy depending on the following:
 - a) I will maintain excellent attendance and citizenship;
 - b) I will maintain a 3.0 GPA in academy courses and a 2.5 GPA in all other subjects and be on track to graduate;
 - c) I will maintain above average conduct.
 - d) I will complete all assignments and resubmit work that does not meet the standards;
 - e) I will be self-disciplined and meet all deadlines; and
 - f) I will work cooperatively with my classmates and show respect for all people.

2) I understand failure to meet this criterion may result in dismissal from the academy.

Student Name: (please print) _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTRACT

I wish to enroll my child in an academy at Shades Valley. I understand and will support the following:

1. Attendance is required for academy classes at Shades Valley for one year;
2. Excellent attendance and citizenship will be maintained;
3. A 3.0 GPA in academy courses and a 2.5 GPA in all other subjects and staying on track to graduate is required;
4. Completion of all assignments will be on time and will adhere to the standards set for the class; 5. Self-discipline will be critical to my child's success;
6. Showing respect and working cooperatively with other students is essential.

Transfers are made in conjunction with Board guidelines. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have reviewed Board guidelines and understand that all transfers are subject to (1) proper behavior; (2) good grades; and (3) regular attendance. All transfers, if approved, are valid for one year only and must be renewed each year. I certify that all information submitted in support of this application is true and correct.

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Parent/Guardian name(s) (please print): _____

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

Required for Final Acceptance

Academy Teacher Signature: _____

Administrator Signature: _____

Deadline: All completed applications are due by Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

ACADEMY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS/CRITERIA

Each applicant must include the following with this application:

1. A copy of the most recent report card or a list of grades signed by the counselor
2. A signed copy of the student and parent contracts
3. A two-paragraph essay describing yourself, your interests, and why you would like to attend this academy

JEFFERSON COUNTY ACADEMY OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Contact: Shuntay Byrd Phone: 205-379-5350 Email: sbyrd@jefcoed.com

- * 2.5 GPA or higher in Core Academic classes and 3.0 GPA in Career Tech classes
- * Middle school transcripts including the fall semester of the current school year
- * Two letters of recommendation from either a teacher or counselor that highlight the student's character & academic ability to successfully complete higher level courses.

JEFFERSON COUNTY ACADEMY OF THEATRE

Contact: Carl Dean or Jennifer Guffin Phone: 205-379-5350 Email: cdean@jefcoed.com or jguffin@jefcoed.com

- *Two letters of recommendation - 1. Teacher or School Administrator 2. Someone who has worked with you on a show in the past
- *Audition – see Shades Valley High School website for audition details

Students who are zoned for Shades Valley High School are immediately eligible for athletics if they are accepted into an academy. Students accepted and enrolled into one of the academy programs who are not zoned for Shades Valley will be ineligible for varsity competition for a period of one year, but will be eligible for freshman or junior varsity competition immediately. Department of JEFCOED Athletics: Darrell Long – 205-379-2186

The Finance and Theatre Academies are located on the Shades Valley High School Campus
6100 Old Leeds Road – Birmingham, AL 35210

Programs are coordinated by JEFCOED Instructional Services

Department of Arts Education: Dr. Terrence Brown, Director – 205-379-3025
Department of Career Technical Education: Bobby Jackson, Director – 205-379-2176

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