

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

- Jefferson County Academy of Business and Finance**
- Jefferson County Pre-Engineering Academy**
- Jefferson County Academy of Theatre and Dance**
- Jefferson County School of Visual Art**
- Jefferson County National Defense Cadet Corps MCJROTC**

Please submit separate applications if applying to more than one academy.

NAME _____ PREFERRED NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

PRESENT SCHOOL _____

PARENT'S NAME _____

PARENT'S EMAIL _____

PARENT'S WORK TELEPHONE _____ / _____ / _____
FATHER MOTHER CELL

STUDENT EMAIL ADDRESS _____

TRANSFER STUDENT yes _____ no _____

WHAT SCHOOL ARE YOU ZONED FOR CURRENTLY? _____

(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. visual arts portfolio assessment, 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. Submit a signed student and parent/guardian contract agreeing to abide by all academy standards.
5. Show proof of my residence within Jefferson County School District.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ 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 complete all assignments and resubmit work that does not meet the standards;
 - d) I will be self-disciplined and meet all deadlines; and
 - e) I will work cooperatively with my classmates and show respect for all people.
- 2) I understand failure to meet this criteria 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 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.

I understand that students zoned for a school outside the Jefferson County school district will be required to pay tuition after acceptance into the program. Failure to make payment by the established deadline will result in withdrawal or non-admittance.

I understand failure to meet these criteria may result in dismissal from the academy.

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

Signatures(s) _____ Date _____

Required for Final Acceptance

Academy Teacher Signature: _____

Administrator Signature: _____

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. Signed copies of the student and parent contracts
3. A brief paragraph describing yourself, your interests, and why you would like to attend this academy.

JEFFERSON COUNTY ACADEMY OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Contact: *Chris Shaw* Phone: 205-379-5350 Email: chrisshaw@jefcoed.com

- * 2.5 GPA in Core Academic classes
- * Middle school transcripts including the fall semester of the current school year
- * Two letters of recommendation from either a teacher or counselor
- * Write a two paragraph essay (typed, double-spaced, 11 pt. Calibri or 12 pt. Times New Roman font) explaining how you can benefit from attending the Jefferson County Academy of Business and Finance at Shades Valley High School
- * If invited, attend an interview session at Shades Valley High School

JEFFERSON COUNTY PRE-ENGINEERING ACADEMY

Contact: *Clay Ninas or David Kwong* Phone: 205-379-5350 Email: cninas@jefcoed.com or dkwong@jefcoed.com

- * Grades of B or better in math and science courses
- * Most recent standardized test score
- * One letter of reference (from math or science teacher)

JEFFERSON COUNTY ACADEMY OF THEATRE AND DANCE

Contact: *Ashley Bishop or Jessie Kisor* Phone: 205-379-5350 Email: abishop@jefcoed.com or jkisor@jefcoed.com

- * See www.jcatd.com for requirements

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL OF VISUAL ART

Contact: *Olsen Ross or Rick Moncrief* Phone: 205-379-3300 Email: rmoncrief@jefcoed.com or oross@jefcoed.com

- * Portfolio: Ten pieces of artwork (photographs, drawings, paintings, sculpture, etc.)
- * Two letters of reference (one each from art teacher and counselor)
- * Grade of B or higher in art; grade of C or higher in academic courses

JEFFERSON COUNTY ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP – MARINE CORPS JROTC (Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps)

Contact: GYMSgt Jason Miller Phone: 205-379-3300 Email: jlmiller@jefcoed.com

- * Be of good moral character determined by Principal
- * Must be physically fit with a current physical exam on record at his or her school
- * Maintain a 2.5 GPA or above

Students who are zoned for Shades Valley High School are immediately eligible for athletics if they are accepted into an academy. Students who are not zoned for Shades Valley, but who enroll into one of the academy programs will be ineligible for a period of one year. Department of JEFCOED Athletics: Kenneth Storie – 379-2186

The Finance, Pre-Engineering and Theatre Academies are located on the Shades Valley High School Campus

6100 Old Leeds Road – Birmingham, AL 35210

**National Defense Cadet Corps MCJROTC and School of Visual Art
are located on the Shades Valley Technical Academies Campus**

5191 Pine Whispers Drive - Birmingham, AL 35210

Programs are coordinated by JEFCOED Instructional Services
Department of Arts Education: Terrence Brown, Director – 205-379-3025
Department of Career Technical Education: Bobby Jackson, Director – 205-379-2176

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