

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**
- MCJROTC (Marine Core Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps)**

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 the 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

_____ Parent Signature

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.

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

Pre-Engineering & Visual Arts Academy Students:

*The following information is subject to change based upon final schedule.

_____ I understand that students zoned for Clay-Chalkville, McAdory, and Pinson Valley have the option of remaining enrolled at their base school and may attend SVTA half-day for academy courses. Students zoned for any other school will be expected to transfer to Shades Valley/JCIB as a full time student.

_____ Students attending SVTA on a half-day status will report to their base school and are required to ride the shuttle bus to SVTA and will ride the bus back to their base school.

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

Signatures(s) _____ Date _____

Required for Final Acceptance

Academy Teacher Signature: _____

Administrator Signature: _____

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 379-5350 Email: chrisshaw@jefcoed.com

- * 2.5 GPA in Core Academic classes
- * Copy of current standardized test scores
- * 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 hand-written essay explaining how you can benefit from attending the Business and Finance Academy at Shades Valley High School

JEFFERSON COUNTY PRE-ENGINEERING ACADEMY

Contact: *Clay Ninas or David Kwong* Phone: 379-3300 Email: cninas@jefcoed.com or dkwong@jefcoed.com

- * Grades of B or better in math and science courses
- * SAT 9/ARMT scores indicating average/above average ability in math or science
- * One letter of reference (preferred from math or science teacher)
- * If accepted, students will be required to take a math placement test

JEFFERSON COUNTY ACADEMY OF THEATRE AND DANCE

Contact: *Ashley Bishop or Jessie Kisor* Phone: 379-5350, ext. 111993 Email: abishop@jefcoed.com or jkisor@jefcoed.com

- * Performance Audition: Mandatory 60 second monologue
- * Optional: 16 bars of song. Bring sheet music or CD
- * Optional: 2 minutes of any style dance. Bring CD
- * Technician Audition: an interview will be conducted
- * 2 letters of recommendation (one from someone in the Arts, one from a guidance counselor)
- * Grade of B or higher in Theatre/Dance if applicable, C or higher in academic courses

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL OF VISUAL ART

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

MCJROTC (Marine Core Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps)

Contact: *Stanley Bolling or Dr. Antjuan Marsh* Phone: 379-5350 Email: sbolling@jefcoed.com or camarsh@jefcoed.com

*The Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program mission is to instill in students in United States secondary educational institutions the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment. Visit the MCJROTC website at <http://www.mcjrotc.marines.mil/>

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

The Pre-Engineering Academy 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 – 379-3025

Department of Career Technical Education: Bobby Jackson, Director – 379-2176

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2100 – 18th Street South
Birmingham, Alabama 35209
(205)379-2120

Office of Section 504
2100 – 18th Street South
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