

Department of African and African American Studies, Harvard University
Jonathan M. Levin Prize for Teaching and Social Justice
2024 Application

Eligibility: All Harvard College seniors pursuing careers as public school teachers
Application deadline: Friday, April 4, 2025

This award, established by Martin D. Payson, Quincy Jones, and Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr., honors Jonathan M. Levin, a compassionate and dedicated man committed to teaching as a means of combating the social injustices that exist in American society. The Department awards this prize to the most promising undergraduate student who intends to become a public school teacher. A prize of \$1500 will be awarded in two installments: the first installment of \$1000 will be announced and presented at graduation ceremonies held by the Department of African and African American Studies; and the remainder of \$500 will be awarded upon the successful completion of two years of public school teaching. The recipient will be asked to return to Harvard at this time to accept the second award installment and to make a public presentation to undergraduates on his or her experiences teaching in public schools. Applicants must submit a 1-2 page statement of purpose explaining their commitment and passion to teaching and how they will contribute to public school teaching or public service if they receive this award. They must also submit a resume, letter of faculty recommendation, and a letter of employment from Teach for America or from a public school, confirming teaching employment for the following year.

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Harvard ID
Number

Concentration

Thesis Title

Name of Thesis
Advisor(s)

Phone

Email

Permanent Legal
Address

Harvard Address

Estimated
Graduation Date

Application Checklist:

Application Form

Copy of Thesis

Recommendation
Letter from Thesis
Advisor

Thesis Reader
Comments

One Page Abstract
of Thesis

Resume or C.V.

All application materials must be submitted by the **Friday, April 4, 2025** deadline to: Keirsten_melbourne@fas.harvard.edu

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