

NAACP
#6304 Montgomery County

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To Whom It May Concern:

Montgomery County NAACP Unit #6304 is honored to announce its Ninth (9th) Annual Back to School, Stay in School Scholarship Award. The NAACP National Education Program strives to ensure that all students have access to an equal and high-quality public education by eliminating education-related racial and ethnic disparities in our public schools. Our local initiatives are to encourage youth to graduate from high school and continue their educational aspirations beyond high school.

One scholarship application packet is enclosed along with details regarding the requirements and application procedures. Please announce the scholarship to the senior class and make packets available to interested students. Students can also download this packet at mcnaacp6304@suddenlink.net. All applications are due April 15, 2020. The scholarship recognition program will be held in their honor Friday, June 5, 2020 at Conroe Tower, located at 300 W. Davis St., Conroe, TX 77301. Ticket price is \$15 per person.

Any questions, comments, or concerns may be directed to Clemath@aol.com or gjwhite@suddenlink.net. Montgomery County NAACP looks forward to working with you to provide educational opportunities to deserving students. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Clem Mathis
Scholarship Committee Co-Chair

Gloria White
Scholarship Committee Co-Chair

About the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded in 1909 in New York City by a group of bi-racial activists. Originally called the National Negro Committee, it is the nation's oldest civil rights organization. One often overlooked aspect of the NAACP's history is that the Jewish community contributed hugely to the NAACP's founding and continued financing. The organization launched a program of speechmaking, lobbying, and publicizing the issue of racial discrimination and inequality in housing, education, employment, voting and transportation. It also launched a magazine edited for 25 years by black intellectual and leader. W.E.B. DuBois. To date, this magazine is still being published.

The mission of the NAACP is to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and to ensure the health and well-being of all persons.

The vision of the NAACP is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race.

Award Intent

This one-time award will be made to deserving high school graduating seniors of Montgomery County, Texas. The award is targeted to honor students who exhibit personal integrity and excellence through academic achievement and community involvement and demonstrates moderate to significant need for financial assistance in attaining his/her educational goals.

Application Deadline: April 15, 2020

Amount: \$1,000.00 to cover the cost of educational needs (books, supplies, etc.)

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be graduating in spring of the award year and enrolling as a full-time student in an accredited college, university, or junior college in the fall of the same year.
- Must have a minimum 2.5 GPA or greater on a 4.0 scale and demonstrate financial need
- Community service and involvement is a plus

Due by April 15, 2020. Applications and support documents received after this date will not be considered for the award;

- All submissions must be complete at the time of submission. NO partial submissions will be accepted. All submissions must be mailed to:
- Montgomery County Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 2712; Conroe, TX 77301
- Award recipients must attend a Recognition Reception held in their honor June 5, 2020.



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Scholarship Application Instructions

All scholarship applications must include the application, personal essay, two (2) letters of recommendation and official transcripts to be considered for an award. All submissions must be complete at the time of submission. NO partial submissions will be accepted. All submissions must be mailed in one envelope to:

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Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 2712
Conroe, TX 77301

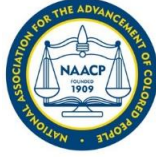
Legal Name: Please use your legal name. Do not use nicknames. Make sure your name is consistent throughout your submission. The name that appears on your official transcript should match your application and letters of recommendation.

Photo ID: Please include a passport-sized picture of yourself with your application.

Transcripts: The NAACP accepts official transcripts that are stamped with an official school seal and signed by an authorized school administrator in a PDF format.

Letters of Recommendation: All letters of recommendation need to be addressed to Montgomery County NAACP #6304. Letters of Recommendation need to clearly state that the letter is recommending the applicant's legal name for the NAACP Scholarship. Letters of Recommendation need to be reflective of activities and accomplishments within a reasonable time frame. Letters of Recommendation should be current within six (6) months of your application submission.

Application Deadline: All submissions are due on or before April 15, 2020 in one submission; this includes the application, essay, letters of recommendation, and official transcript(s). Please plan to collect your documents and submit accordingly. The Scholarship will not accept submissions dated after April 15, 2020.



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I. APPLICANT

Applicant Name: Last _____ **First** _____ **Middle** _____
Permanent Address: Street _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____
Phone Number((s): Home _____ **Cell** _____ **E-mail:** _____
Place of Birth: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____ **Age:** _____
Name of High School: _____ **Anticipated Graduation Date:** _____
GPA: _____ **ACT Score:** _____ **High School Class Rank:** _____

Grade Point Average Verification: (To be completed by school official only)

I certify that the above-named applicant has a Cumulative Grade Point Average of _____ on a 4.0 scale for the _____ semester. *(Please list the semester and the year).*

Name of Verifier (Printed): _____

Signature of Verifier: _____

Official School Title: _____ Daytime Phone # _____

List of School(s) Applied/Accepted: _____

(Proof of college acceptance must be included for completion of application requirements.)

Anticipated College Major: _____ **Minor:** _____

Current School Activities: _____

Community Activities: _____

Honors/Awards/Recognitions: _____

II. PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Father/Guardian Name: _____ **Occupation** _____ **Annual Income** _____

Mother/Guardian Name: _____ **Occupation** _____ **Annual Income** _____

Applicant Social Security # _____

Number of Siblings: _____ **List Ages of Siblings:** _____

Are you Independent of Your Parents? Yes No

Is anyone in your family a member of the NAACP? Yes No

If yes, specify relationship(s): _____

If selected as a scholarship recipient, do you agree to have your picture published? Y N

III. PERSONAL ESSAY (Must be typewritten. Two (2) pages maximum); on a separate page clearly titled "Personal Essay."

Students must show that they are committed to continuing their education by maintaining high academic and personal achievement. This essay is your opportunity to tell us about yourself and explain why you should be selected to receive this scholarship. Your written essay should clearly demonstrate experiences or accomplishments in the areas listed below.

Special Talent: Discuss a special attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart from your peers. Examples may include, but are not limited to: working well with others, artistic talents, athletic ability, public speaking or writing skills, a creative activity/challenge that you engaged in, etc.

Leadership and Service: Clearly articulate how you have demonstrated your leadership ability both in and out of school. Examples may include, but are not limited to: community service involvement, leadership roles or unique responsibilities at home, school or church, etc.

Challenges: Describe how you have achieved a goal despite struggles or obstacles that may have hindered you. Be specific. Examples may include, but are not limited to: achievement of a goal despite struggles or barriers, withstanding significant peer pressure(s) that may have otherwise deferred your achievements, overcoming a major life event, etc.

Influences: Discuss situations or persons that have been major influences in your life. Examples may include, but are not limited to: how your personal background has affected your view of the world, an individual or group who has been your biggest influence and why, a book that has affected you deeply and why, etc.

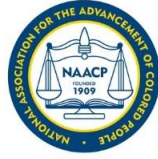
Financial Need: Provide a more detailed and personal account of your financial need. You may describe, from a financial standpoint, what impact would this award have on your education, or share any special circumstances affecting your need for financial assistance.

IV. LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Two (2) Reference Letters from any of the following sources: Teacher, School Counselor, Church, Community Leader. Letters from relatives are not acceptable references for this application. *(Must be on Official Letterhead)*

V. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Student must provide an official transcript with the seal and signature of the school.



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Application Package Checklist

- _____ **Official Completed Application**
- _____ **Proof of College Acceptance**
- _____ **Certification & Statement of Agreement – signature needed**
- _____ **Personal Essay (Typewritten 300 words maximum, on a separate page clearly titled “Personal Essay”)**
- _____ **Two (2) Letters of Reference (On official letterhead)**
- _____ **Official Transcript (please follow specific instructions)**