



**NAACP  
CHESTER BRANCH**

**SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION PACKET  
2023**

## NAACP CHESTER BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP

Dear Student,

The Chester Branch NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) has a longstanding tradition of recognizing students who have demonstrated academic achievement. Students selected will be awarded scholarship funds to assist them with expenses associated with college, technical or trade schools.

NAACP Chester Branch student scholarship recipients will be selected by the NAACP Chester Branch Scholarship Committee after review of application materials. Academic and guidance counselor references, academic standing, commitment to the academic program, and other specified criteria will be considered. Parameters for selection include commitment to academic studies, merit, character, citizenship, leadership, community/religious/school involvement and volunteer activities.

We encourage all interested students to apply.

Thank you.

NAACP CHESTER BRANCH

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The Scholarship Committee encourages students who meet the following criteria to apply for scholarships:

### **Scholarship Criteria**

1. Students **must** be a resident of the City of Chester or reside in an area covered by the Chester-Upland School District. Students who are home-schooled are encouraged to apply.
2. Students must have a minimum of a 2.8 cumulative overall grade point average at their high school at time of application.
3. Students must meet acceptable standards regarding absenteeism and tardiness (**a combined total of no more than 18 days absent and/or tardy from school**).
4. Students must submit an **official high school transcript, attendance records for all four years, a minimum 300 word essay and two references** who are not related to the applicant (e.g., guidance counselors, teachers, employers, etc.) that can speak to such qualities as character, academics, community service and leadership.
5. Students must submit an application and **all** required information by the **deadline of Tuesday February 28, 2023 to naacpscholarship.com**. Incomplete applications (without an official transcript, attendance records for four years, essay, two reference letters) and applications received after **February 28, 2023**, will not be accepted.

**Applications can be downloaded from the NAACP Chester Branch website:  
[naacpchesterpa.org](http://naacpchesterpa.org)**

## **Scholarship Guidelines**

1. Scholarship awards are given to students who are registered as full-time students and will attend college, technical or trade school beginning academic year 2023.
2. Before funding is disbursed, students must have letters of acceptance from colleges, technical or trade schools for the academic year 2023-2024.
3. The scholarship award is intended to be used for academic purposes such as tuition, fees, room, board, and/or books.
4. Depending on the amount of the scholarship, half of the scholarship funds will be distributed to the student during the Fall semester of 2023 upon receipt of the college, technical or trade school acceptance letter with the student identification number indicated. The student must present an academic transcript from the Fall semester 2023 with a GPA of 2.8 or better to receive the remaining scholarship funds. Students must submit Fall semester grades to the NAACP Chester Branch office in advance of the Spring 2024 semester. Failure to timely do so may jeopardize disbursement of additional funding for the Spring semester. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to determine if an award will be given.
5. Scholarships awarded for the academic year 2023 – 2024 are only granted for that academic year and are not carried to another academic year. Students who do not attend classes in the Fall 2023 semester may forfeit their scholarship award unless the Scholarship Committee deems and approves that there is a legitimate reason(s) to delay attendance. Likewise, students who do not attend classes in the Spring 2024 semester may forfeit their scholarship unless the Scholarship Committee deems and approves that there is an acceptable legitimate reason(s) to delay attendance.
6. The Scholarship Committee, at its discretion, may distribute the entire scholarship award prior to the Spring 2024 semester in extenuating circumstances.
7. Continuing scholarships (scholarships distributed over four years or the length of the course of study) will be awarded upon demonstrated academic standing per arrangements by grantor.
8. Scholarship funds are payable to the student and the educational institution.
9. Scholarship recipient selections will be made without regard to race, age, gender, religion, political beliefs, employment status, or any other factor, which could constitute unfair or illegal discrimination. **All students are encouraged to apply.**
10. Both student and parent must sign the application form agreeing that the student meets the criteria and both parent and student understands the guidelines.
11. Decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final in all matters related to the above practices.

Please feel free to contact the NAACP Chester Branch office at **naacpscholarship@yahoo.com** with any questions.

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2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT INFORMATION  
\*\*\*\*\*Please submit application in PDF format\*\*\*\*\*

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name First name Middle name/initial

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent address (number and street, city, state, zip code)

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone Cell phone E-mail address (if available)

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of high school High school graduation year

5. Please list colleges, technical and/or trade schools you have applied to or plan to apply \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Your intended academic major \_\_\_\_\_

7. Submit a list and short description of activities, honors, awards, etc. in school, religious affiliation, employment, community, or other endeavors, which attest to your leadership and creativity. Include dates of involvement.

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8. Please list your future educational and professional goals.  
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9. Write a personal essay, approximately 300 words, giving reviewers additional insight about you that is not covered in other sections of the application. Examples might be life or job experiences, your personal viewpoint on any topic, special skills, talents, or your motivation for seeking a scholarship (please attach the essay to the application form).

We attest that the above criteria have been met and understand the above guidelines.

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Signature of parent or Guardian **(Required)**

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Signature of student **(Required)**

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Print Name

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Print Name

Application is due by **February 28, 2023**. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

**EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:** naacpscholarship@yahoo.com

## \*\*\*Checklist\*\*\*

The following must be submitted for your application to be complete.

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed and signed application (signatures required for both student and parent/guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_ Official high school transcript (with seal affixed)

\_\_\_\_\_ High school attendance records (grades 9 through 12)

\_\_\_\_\_ Minimum 300-word essay (topic of your choice)

\_\_\_\_\_ Two letters of reference (non-family members)

\_\_\_\_\_ List of names of colleges, trade schools and technical schools you have applied