



NAACP CHESTER BRANCH

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET 2023

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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.

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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**

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.

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