



2023 Scholarship Instructions, Eligibility Criteria, Deadline & Application

The Tri-City Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization and one of 2,200 local units and state conferences. The longtime mission of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

The Application Period is from April 10th, 2023 thru May 31st, 2023

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants must be a student of the graduating high school class of 2023 in the Tri-City areas of Fairfield, Suisun City, and Vacaville.
- Applicants must be a resident of Solano County.
- Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher based on a 4.0 scale.

PLEASE NOTE: All scholarship awards will be mailed to the Financial Aid Office of the student's college, university, or vocational school and are to be used for tuition, fees, books, and supplies. Funds will be released upon receipt of verification of enrollment in the 2022 Fall semester or quarter. Funds will not be sent directly to students or to their families.

Deadline:

The completed application, current official transcript, two letters of recommendation, and essay must be postmarked by May 31st, 2023. **Applications that are incomplete or received after the deadline will not be accepted.**

Return your completed application and documentation to:

Mrs. Jerrylean Baker, Chairperson Education Committee Tri-City NAACP
P.O. Box 3364
Fairfield, CA 94533

For additional information, please contact us at: Education@tri-citynaacp.org

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Instructions:

Please read the entire instructions and answer all questions. **An incomplete or illegible application will result in disqualification.** Please be sure to submit the following items:

- A completed application typed or handwritten in black or blue ink, which must be legible.
- Two letters of recommendation: one academic (*from a teacher or counselor*) and one personal (*from a minister, employer, community leader, or other individuals who are not related to the applicant*)
- A current, official sealed school transcript.
- A small photo (headshot), which will be used for publicity on the Tri-City Branch NAACP's website. Please be advised that the Photo will not be returned.
- An essay, which must be 500 words (*using the word count feature on Word*), #12 font, and double spaced using the following background information and addressing the essay topic listed below:

Background Information:

In recent years, there has been a concerning trend of mass shootings at schools in the United States. This trend has not only had a devastating impact on the lives of those directly affected, but has also impacted the sense of safety for students in schools and communities nationwide.

For your essay, please address the following:

1. Provide statistics on the number of schools and students impacted by school shootings in the United States. How has this trend affected communities across the country?
2. Discuss the impact of these events on your sense of safety at school or in your community. Have you or someone you know been personally impacted by a school shooting or threat? How has this affected your daily life and mental well-being?
3. In light of this trend, what initiatives would you like to see implemented to address gun violence and improve school safety in the United States? This could include changes in legislation, increased security measures, or support for mental health resources.

In your essay, be sure to provide specific examples and support your arguments with evidence and research. Consider different perspectives and potential counterarguments as you develop your ideas. Essays will be evaluated based on 1) organization, 2) originality, content and focus, 3) grammar and spelling, and 4) word count and neatness.

Successful applicants will be notified of their interview date via email during the week of **June 13, 2023**. Interviews will be required of all scholarship finalists. No makeup interviews will be scheduled.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (last, first, middle):	Email Address:
Home Address:	City, State, Zip:
Primary Phone Number: ()	Secondary Phone Number: ()
Date of Birth (month/day/year):	Gender (voluntary):
Ethnicity (please check one): <i>Providing this information is strictly voluntary</i> <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian (includes Indian Subcontinent & the Philippine Islands) <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Two or more of the above categories <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian	

CURRENT SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of School:
School Address:
City, State, Zip:
Telephone: ()
Current Grade Level:

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COLLEGE INFORMATION

Please list all schools where you have applied for admission. Name, city, and state:	Type of College: Community, four-year, other:	Accepted? Yes or No	Planned Major:

ACADEMIC: VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES, LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

School affiliations and positions held: (i.e. student body president, clubs, etc.) **Please also include dates of service and the number of hours per month.**



EXTRACURRICULAR: VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES, LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (CONT.)

Outside School (leadership positions held, organizational affiliations, volunteer activities, etc). **Please also include dates of service and the number of hours per month.**

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name:	Address: (if different from applicant's home address)
Relationship to Applicant:	Phone Number: ()
Annual Household Income: <input type="checkbox"/> Under \$30,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,001 - \$49,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 - \$69,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$70,000 - \$99,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 or more	
Number of dependents in household including applicant:	Number of dependents currently in college:
Is the Applicant claimed as a dependent your tax return? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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APPLICANT'S EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (If none, write N/A)

Current Work Experience		Previous Work Experience	
Name of Company:		Name of Company:	
Position:		Position:	
Major responsibilities:		Major responsibilities:	
Hire Date:	Date Left:	Hire Date:	Date Left:
Hours/Week:		Hours/Week:	

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked to do so, I agree to provide proof of the information that I have given on this application. I realize that if I do not give proof when asked, I will not be considered for a scholarship. I give consent for the Tri-City Branch NAACP to use my name and photo for its publicity purposes.	
Signature of Applicant:	Date:
Signature of Parent (or Guardian)	Date: