



El Paso Branch NAACP #6175
P.O. Box 4455, El Paso, TX 79914
Tel. (915) 751-6490

March 17, 2019

Donald L. Williams, President

Dear Participant,

The El Paso Branch affiliate of The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is dedicated to the education of minority groups and citizens of our community. We are proud to have the Scholarship Fund to assist in this endeavor.

Attached are the guidelines and an application for the El Paso Branch NAACP Scholarship. Under the direction of the Education Committee, the scholarships are allotted to accredited colleges and accredited career and technical colleges or trade schools in the State of Texas.

To be eligible to apply, all graduating high school seniors must complete their education during the 2018- 2019 school years and must meet all graduation requirements as specified by policy and as set forth by the State of Texas before the end of June 2019 of their graduation year. College freshmen and college sophomores are also eligible to apply for our scholarships. All applications **must be received by June 1, 2019.**

All information provided on this application is considered privileged and will only be used by the Education Committee in determining eligibility for our scholarship. Should you or any of the applicants have any questions regarding this scholarship application, please contact the Education Committee Chairpersons at (915) 857-5608 or (915) 920-8408.

All applications should be mailed to:

El Paso Branch NAACP #6175
c/o Education Committee
P.O. Box 4455
El Paso, Texas 79914

Respectfully yours,

Doris Hardwick
Education Committee Chair
El Paso Branch NAACP



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El Paso Branch NAACP Scholarship Fund Eligibility Requirements

1. The student must be an El Paso County resident.
2. Each applicant will be required to submit a **sealed official academic transcript**. This transcript must be obtained from the school counselor or registrar and **mailed directly to the P.O. Box address above**.
3. College students must have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 point scale or the equivalent on some other grading scale.
4. High school students must have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average of 80% on a scale of 100%. Any other grading scale will certainly be considered. High school students will also be required to submit verification of their GPA by a high school counselor or official.
5. Each applicant must show verification they are enrolled in college full-time or have an acceptance letter from an accredited two or four-year college, university or an accredited career and technical college or trade school in the State of Texas.
6. Each applicant must show personal leadership qualities as demonstrated in community service programs or projects.
7. Each applicant must submit one letter of character recommendation from a non-relative.

Scholarship Awards

For the Fall Semester 2019, applications must be postmarked on or before **June 1, 2019**. Applications received after that date **will not** be considered.

An Application Packet Checklist has been provided. The signed Checklist must accompany your Application Packet. Applications submitted without all required information **will not** be considered.

All applicants will receive written or verbal notification of their award status by **June 15, 2019**. If selected, you will be asked to provide a head shot photo for inclusion in our Annual NAACP Freedom Fund and Awards Banquet program. Scholarships will be formally awarded to the selected recipients at a time and event to be announced.

Policy and Procedures

Allocations of scholarship funds shall be based on the number of qualified applicants and the availability of funds for distribution. The maximum scholarship award(s) shall not exceed \$1000 per person. The student must send proof of registration as outlined in #5 above.



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT DATA:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: (____) _____ **or** (____) _____

GENDER: _____ **MALE** _____ **FEMALE**

PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S) with whom you live:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: (____) _____ **RELATIONSHIP:** _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: (____) _____ **RELATIONSHIP:** _____



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- List any academic accomplishments, awards or honors (on a separate page)
- List any community service accomplishments, awards or honors (on a separate page)
- Essay Requirements: A **minimum of 350 words**, typewritten in double-spaced 12 point type on white paper addressing the essay question below. There must be a header on each page with legal name included. There must be a cover page, which will include a title, your full legal name, permanent address, and name of high school. The content of your answer must focus on the **questions** listed below.
- **ESSAY QUESTION** - In the famous Martin Luther King, Jr. speech, "*I Have A Dream*", he states the following: "I have a dream that my four little children one day will live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."
 - a) As a young adult, by what character strengths do you wish others would judge you? Please explain your answer.
 - b) Based upon recent actions of police brutality and injustice against our youth, do you feel Dr. King's dream has been fulfilled? Please explain your answer.

Tips to write a successful essay:

- Takes the audience into account
- Has a clear introduction
- States a focus/position statement clearly, precisely, and thoughtfully
- Uses specific evidence from the text(s) to support and develop the position and explains that evidence logically
- Takes into account what people who disagree with you might think and tries to respond to that
- Concludes effectively
- Uses precise language
- Shows control over conventions

Student and Counselor Verification:

I certify that all information provided on this application is true and accurate. I also certify the following:

- Applicant meets all graduation requirements as specified by the State of Texas and School District Policy by **May 2019**.



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- ****Applicant will graduate from high school with a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of _____ on a _____ point scale.**
- Applicant has been accepted for enrollment by an accredited college, university or career and technical college or trade school in the State of Texas

Signature of Student _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____

Signature of School Counselor/Official _____ **Date** _____



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APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

- | | (Initials) |
|--|------------|
| 1. Completed Scholarship Applicant Data (page 3) | _____ |
| 2. Student signed and dated Verification (page 4) | _____ |
| 3. Parent/Guardian signed and dated Verification (page 4) | _____ |
| 4. School Counselor/Official verifies GPA, signed and dated (page 4) | _____ |
| 5. Request official, sealed transcript to be mailed from the school to the P.O. Box Address at the top of this page | _____ |
| 6. Verification of college or trade school enrollment | _____ |
| 7. List of academic accomplishments, awards and honors | _____ |
| 8. Description of personal leadership qualities as demonstrated through participation in community service projects and programs.
List community service accomplishments, awards and honors | _____ |
| 9. Letter of character recommendation from a non-relative | _____ |
| 10. Typewritten (12 point type), double-spaced, minimum 350 word essay which thoroughly answers the essay question | _____ |

I certify that this Scholarship Application Packet is complete and all information accurate.

Applicant Signature

Date