



Shelby County NAACP Unit 50AB Scholarship Award

The Shelby County chapter of the NAACP, in partnership with the Montevallo Legacy Project, is proud to announce our annual scholarship program dedicated to empowering future leaders of our community. This scholarship opportunity is open to graduating high school seniors in Shelby County public schools who have demonstrated a commitment to advancing racial justice and the potential to be outstanding community leaders.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Graduating high school senior in a public school in Shelby County, AL
- Active involvement in community service or extracurricular activities
- Demonstrated leadership skills and commitment to social justice and equality.
- Plan to attend an accredited college/university for the 2024-2025 academic year OR to attend a trade school for certification in one of the trades (electricians, plumbers, stylists, truckers, etc.) for the 2024-2025 year.

Scholarship Details:

- Awards totaling \$5000 will be distributed in amounts to be determined by the Scholarship Committee's evaluation of the applications submitted. In the past, awards were \$2500, \$1500, and \$1000.
- Application deadline: Sunday, February 25, 2024 @ 11:59 pm
- Award Announcement Date: Sunday, March 24, 2024

Use of scholarship: To be applied toward tuition and other costs associated with the first year of post-secondary study.

How to Apply:

- Visit our scholarship website at www.themontevallolegacyproject.com/naacp-scholarship for further information and link to application forms OR request scholarship application package from naacpshelby@gmail.com.
- Complete the application form.
- Provide proof of GPA (all GPAs considered)
- Provide a 500-word essay on an assigned topic.
- Provide two letters of recommendation.
- Provide verification of community service
- Submit all application materials by Feb 25, 2024, by email to naacpshelby@gmail.org. PDFs preferred.

Selection Process: A panel of judges will assess applications based on community involvement, potential for community leadership, and the alignment of applicants' values with the NAACP mission.

Visit our website at www.themontevallolegacyproject.com/naacp-scholarship for the complete application package. Feel free to contact us at any time with questions or concerns at naacpshelby@gmail.com. We are here to support you every step of the way.

This scholarship aims to celebrate your achievements, honor your commitment to social justice, and provide financial assistance for the first leg of your higher education journey. Join us in building a better future for Shelby County, Alabama. Apply for the NAACP Scholarship and be a catalyst for positive change in our community.

Our mission is to achieve equity, political rights, and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination, and accelerate the well-being, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color.

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SHELBY COUNTY NAACP SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION PACKAGE

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I. Application Form

Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
County of Residence _____
Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____
Place of Birth (City, State) _____ Date of Birth _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Father's Name _____

Home/Cell Phone Number _____

Mother's Name _____

Home/Cell Phone Number _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Graduating High School _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Expected Date of Graduation _____

Counselor's Name _____ Phone # _____

College/Trade Acceptance _____ Intended Major/Study _____

Organizational Memberships (Honor Societies, Clubs, Organizations, etc.)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION

All of the information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I am a 2024 graduating high school senior, who is applying for full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university OR a place in an accredited Technical (Trade) school for the 2024-2025 academic school year.

I hereby authorize the Shelby County NAACP and the Montevallo Legacy Project to verify any information regarding my application, as well as give them permission to use my name/photos for their scholarship publicity purposes.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

II. Proof of GPA Submit high school transcript (official or unofficial). All GPAs considered.

III. 500-word essay, typewritten and double-spaced:

Write on *one* of the following:

1) Describe an event or experience that impacted your understanding of racial or economic injustice. How did it change you?

2) "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." -- Nelson Mandela. How would you use your education to make the world a better place for persons of color of your generation?

Requirements:

- Times New Roman 12 point
- Double-space
- MLA format
- Outside sources must be cited

Evaluation criteria:

Strong essays will express a thoughtful personal response to the topic and will align with the values of the NAACP mission. They will use telling details and specifics. They will be written in your voice, reflect your lived experience, and suggest why you are a good candidate to receive an NAACP scholarship award.

Proofread carefully. Surface errors, misspellings, misleading word choices, and carelessly constructed sentences may give the impression that you lack the commitment to be an effective community leader.

Essays developed by chatGPT will not be considered.

IV. Two letters of recommendation.

Use the form provided below to secure two letters of recommendation. They may be written by teachers, school administrators, school counselors, employers, community leaders and/or pastors.

NOTE: Letters must be emailed directly by the recommender to *naacp@gmail.com*. They should be received by the February 25, 2024, deadline.

V. Verification of community service.

Use the form provided below to verify community service.

Submission of application materials.

Submit all materials except letters of recommendation to *naacpshelby@gmail.com* by February 25, 2024. PDFs preferred. Be sure that your application package includes *all* the following:

- Application form
- Proof of GPA

- Essay
- Verification of community service

Letters of recommendation should be sent separately by two recommenders to naacpshelby@gmail.com by February 15, 2024.

What's next?

A panel of judges selected by the Shelby County branch of the NAACP will review all *completed* application materials. They will select award recipients based on community involvement, potential for community leadership, and alignment with the values of the NAACP mission.

Awards will be announced by March 24, 2024.

Questions? Contact naacpshelby@gmail.com. We want to support you every step of the way.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE FORM FOR NAACP SCHOLARSHIP

Please complete and submit it as part of the scholarship application package.

Student's Name _____ High School _____

Date	No. of hours served	Organization's Name	Organization's phone number	Supervisor's signature

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
FOR NAACP SCHOLARSHIP

The NAACP in partnership with the Montevallo Legacy Project seeks to provide financial support to outstanding graduating seniors in Shelby County public high schools who have demonstrated a commitment to advancing racial justice and the potential to be outstanding community leaders. **Please submit it by February 25, 2024, to naacpshelby@gmail.com.** Thank you for your time and consideration.

Applicant's Name _____

How long and under what circumstances have you known the applicant?

Comment on the applicant's commitment to advancing racial justice and potential to be an outstanding community leader. Use additional sheet if necessary.

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail _____