The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Bucks County Branch is pleased to solicit applicants for our annual scholarship program. The NAACP mission is to create environments within our communities that empower children to have access to quality and appropriate opportunities to reach their optimal potential.

An eligible applicant must be a resident of Bucks County and must be a senior in high school with at least a 2.5 weighted G.P.A. In addition, applicants must be applying to a four-year college or university program, a two-year associate degree program or to a trade school. Guidelines for applying are included in the application packet. This year, three scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded to deserving students.

This year the NAACP Scholarship will be electronic. Students will access the Google Doc and complete the application by filling in the required information.

Please submit all of the required information together.

When complete, the application must be time stamped no later than May 15, 2021. All sections of the application must be completed as required and included in the electronic application. Failure to include all requested information will invalidate the application.

If you experience difficulty or have questions and need clarification, please email <a href="mailto:lihope@me.com">lihope@me.com</a> ,you may also mail the application to :

bucksnaacp@bucksnaacp2253.org.

Recipients will be notified by June 2, 2021 of the application review results.

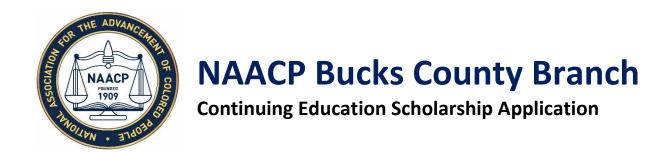
Sincerely,

Leonore Hope

Scholarship Committee Chair

**NAACP Bucks County Branch** 

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#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA 2021**

#### • Statement of Intent

#### Please read the following information before filling out the application

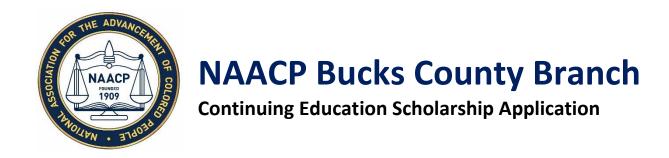
This \$1,000.00 scholarship is intended for three (3) Bucks County high school graduates who are planning to continue their education at an accredited institution. (college, university or vocational trade School)

- 1. The applicant must be a high school senior that is pursuing entrance into continuing education.
- 2. Members of the NAACP Bucks County Branch Executive Committee, Youth Work Committee, Scholarship Selection Committee, and their spouses or families are not eligible to apply for or receive the scholarship.
- 3. The applicant must possess a cumulative grade point average of a least 2.5 out of a 4.0 system.
- 4. The applicant must write an essay in 1,000 words or less explaining their personal motivation and desire to make the world a better place in which to live.
- 5. The student must be an American citizen.

### • THE APPLICATION PROCESS WILL REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

- o Applicant Form all applications **must be typed or printed clearly**. Students are urged to restrict all information to the application form except for the following required documents.
- o An official transcript of grades with SAT scores if applicable.
- A resume of high school awards, accomplishments, activities, and community service with the years involved and any offices held may be attached, rather than placing all accomplishments on the application.
- Two letters of recommendation: One letter of recommendation must be from a teacher, counselor, or administrator from the school that the applicant attends. The second letter may be a personal reference letter if so desired.
- o Letters must be typed on appropriate letterhead.

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o Essay must be complete and enclosed.

# ITEMS A THROUGH F MUST BE INCLUDED IN ONE PACKAGE. ALL APPLICATIONS AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 2021 AND SENT ELECTRONICALLY TO THE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW.

Application Form

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
Bucks County Branch
Continuing Education Scholarship

#### **SECTION A: PERSONAL INFORMATION**

	Name		
	Last	First	Middle
	HOME ADDRESS:		
	HOME TELEPHONE:	4. CELL 1	PHONE:
	BIRTHDATE:	_	
	Are you an American Citizen?	$\Box Yes$	$\Box$ No
•	Are you or any members of your fam $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No <i>If yes,</i>	nily a member o	f the NAACP?
	To what Branch or Youth Council do	you belong? _	

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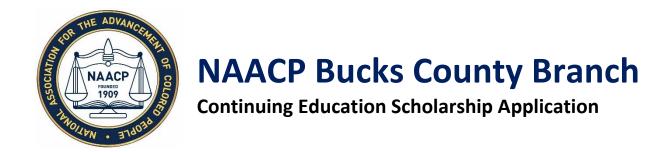
Please list school, community, and religious organizations in which you are a member, offices held and years of involvement. You may attach a supplemental resume of your activities.				
w did you hear about this scholarship?				
	□Yes	□No		
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12 List any academic awards or honors received during your high school years. Please include the year received.

Website: www.NAACPBucks.org

SECTION B: EDUCATION	NAL INFORMATION
Class Rank:	Number of students in the class
Weighted Cumulative Grade Po	oint Average:
ACT or SAT Scores with dates	s taken:

\*\*AN OFFICIAL COPY OF TRANSCRIPT WITH SAT AND/OR ACT SCORES MUST BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR APPLICATION.



#### SECTION C: SCHOOL AND STUDENT INFORMATION

List no more than 5 institutes of higher learning to which you have submitted applications. Also provide the status of each application. (Accepted or Pending)

If you have been accepted, include a copy of your acceptance letter with your application.

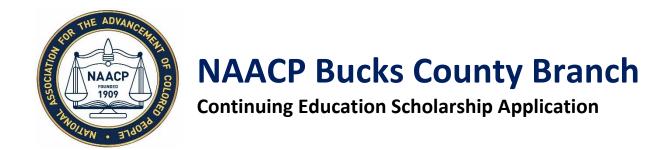
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#### SECTION D: STUDENT ESSAY

This section provides details for your essay. This essay will allow you to share your educational objectives, and your short term and long-range goals. The finished essay, with a **MAXIMUM of 1000 words**, is to be attached to your application. It must be typed on white 8 ½ X 11 paper, double spaced and written in paragraph form.

This essay should include the following:

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- 1. A personal introduction that demonstrates why the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People should consider you for this scholarship.
- 2. The field of study you have selected and the reasons for your selection.
- 3. Your long-range goals following graduation from your institute of higher learning.
- 4. Your role in making this world a better place to live.

# SECTION E: LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION INFORMATION FOR THE STUDENT

**Directions:** You must submit **two letters of recommendation** with your application. These letters **should not** be written by relatives. One letter must be written by a teacher, counselor, or an administrator. The second letter may be written by a religious leader, a community representative or an employer.

# EMAIL A COPY OF LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION PAGE AND GIVE IT TO EACH PERSON WRITING A RECOMMENDATION.

# SECTION F: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION INFORMATION FOR PERSON WRITING THE LETTER

The Bucks County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People greatly appreciates your taking the time to write this letter of recommendation.

#### Your Letter of Recommendation should address the following information:

- How long and under what circumstances you have known the student.
- How would you rate this student's academic ability and his/her potential for success in college or in pursuit of a non-traditional degree?
- Describe the student's personality.
- Describe how the student demonstrates a commitment to community or public service and the impact of these actions on your school or community.

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• Include any additional information you feel might assist the Bucks County Branch of the NAACP with evaluating this student.

Each letter should be mailed electronically by the person writing the letter to the guidance counselor.

All letters of recommendation and transcripts must be sent electronically with other application information and must be received no later than May 15, 2021.

#### SECTION G: AUTHORIZATION AND CERTIFICATION

Please read and sign below.

I certify that all the information submitted with my application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by the NAACP President or Scholarship Chairperson, I agree to provide proof of the information presented. I understand that the inclusion of any false or misleading information, or the exclusion of requested information, will result in the removal of my application from consideration for any award and will necessitate the repayment of any award I receive. Moreover, I pledge to use the proceeds from any award for tuition, room and board, books or other expenses related to my college education or pursuit of a non-traditional degree.

Permission is hereby given to high school, college/university, or institution of higher learning to release to NAACP, any information concerning my personal circumstances related to my application. Permission is hereby given to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Bucks County Branch, Continuing Education Scholarship to use the information in my application and or my photograph for publicity and media purposes, with the understanding that my privacy and the privacy of my family will be respected.

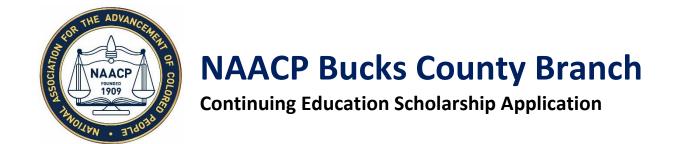
I have read the application instructions. I am aware that incomplete or missing information on my application will jeopardize consideration for this award.

After reviewing the applications, applicants may be selected for an interview.

If you are selected for an interview, you will be contacted by specific information about that interview by May 15, 2021.

Student Signature:

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	I	Date	_/	_/
Parent / Guardian Signature:				
	I	Date	/	/