



Lebanon County NAACP Branch 26AA-B

2023 Lebanon County NAACP Diversity Scholarship Award

The NAACP or National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was established in 1909 and is America's oldest and largest civil rights organization. It was formed in New York City by Black and White activists, partially in response to the ongoing violence against Black Americans around the country. In the NAACP's early decades, its anti-lynching campaign was central to its agenda. During the civil rights era in the 1950s and 1960s, the group won major legal victories, and today the NAACP has more than 2,200 branches and some half a million members worldwide.

Established in fall 2020, the Lebanon County Branch 26AA-B gained official branch status in February 2021. We are proud to sponsor a \$1,000 one time/non renewable Diversity Scholarship to assist with books and incidental expenses offered to a deserving graduating Lebanon County Senior of Color (of African, Asian, Hispanic and/or Latino, Native American or Mixed Heritage) attending college full-time or part-time, trade school -including culinary school, auto, medical, dental, welding, animal care, technology, etc.) The awarding of the scholarship will be based on teacher or Community Member Recommendation and a 400 word essay Response to a Prompt (Essay scored based on content, not writing skill).

Application Requirements for the 2023 Lebanon County NAACP Diversity Scholarship Award

The following documents must be received with a postmark no later than April 5, 2023 addressed to:

**Pat Steely, NAACP Education Chair
751 Airport Road, Palmyra PA 17078**

or email scanned application and recommendation to ptsteely@verizon.net

1. A completed application, signed by the applicant and a parent/guardian
2. One letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor or community member explaining why the student should receive this scholarship
3. A 400 word or less essay written by the applicant using 12 point font in response to **one** of the three prompts below:

What have you done to promote diversity, and what are your plans to continue to do so in your future?

With the increasing events that seem to divide our nation along racial lines, what do you think the solution is to eliminating racism?

Jacqueline Woodson, The National Book Award Winner of the memoir Brown Girl Dreaming stated, "Diversity is about all of us and about us having to figure out how to walk through this world together." Describe how have you have responded to the challenges of diversity in your life? How do you see yourself walking through this world in the future?

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LEBANON COUNTY NAACP DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Information

Name _____
First Middle Last

Address _____
Street City/State Zip

Telephone Number _____ Email Address _____

High School

Name of School Attending _____

Post High School College/University/Trade School applicant plans to attend

_____ Location _____

Intended Course of Study if known _____

Certification

I certify that I am a senior in high school and that all information provided in this application is true and correct.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST: Signed Completed Application

Recommendation

Essay

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