

Ida M. Masselli/ Middlesex County NAACP 2025 Scholastic Award
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General Information

This award has been designated for Middlesex County high school students who are Connecticut residents who request assistance with educational expenses to matriculate into higher education (postsecondary and or technical university/institution). The Middlesex County NAACP Branch serves Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Hampton, Haddam, East Haddam, Higganum, Essex, Killingworth, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Saybrook, Portland, and Westbrook.

The NAACP is the nation’s oldest, largest, and most widely recognized grassroots based civil rights organization. It’s more than half million members and supporters throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, campaigning for equal opportunity and conducting voter mobilization.

In the NAACP's continuous pursuit of education equity and excellence, we recognize that education is fundamental to our existence and students must be afforded the opportunity to achieve their academic goals. This scholarship program is our effort to provide financial assistance to students pursuing a higher education and allow them the opportunity to reach their full academic potential. With the growing disparities in our educational system, it is imperative that our children are not prevented from reaching these goals solely based on financial need.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Graduating high school seniors with a 2.5 (C+) or higher GPA at the end of the Fall 2024 semester.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS/CRITERIA

The student must:

- **Complete application and submit all required paperwork at the time the application is due. Any missing information/documents can disqualify your application.**
- **Demonstrate acceptance to an accredited institution of higher learning.**
- **Submit their official transcript.**
- **Please submit your FAFSA as part of your scholarship application.**
- **Submit three (3) letters of reference; at least one (1) must be from a school counselor.**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS/CRITERIA (cont.)

- **Students must write an essay of between 300-500 words on the following topic, “What is your understanding of the NAACP? In your opinion, how has the NAACP benefited society? What challenges are present today in fulfilling the goals of the NAACP mission? Finally, how can this scholarship benefit you? Please discuss.**

- **The essay must be typed and be sent in a PDF format.**

The above application material must be received no **later than Monday, March 31, 2025.** Completed applications can be sent via email or mail. Please see the information below.

Middlesex County NAACP Education Committee
Email: middlesexctnaacpeducation@gmail.com

If you decide to mail, via USPS, the address is below.

Middlesex County NAACP
P.O. Box 378
Attn: Education Committee
Middletown, CT 06457

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship, please email the committee, middlesexctnaacpeducation@gmail.com

Scholastic Award winner(s) will be notified by **Friday May 9, 2025.**

IDA M. MASSELLI/MIDDLESEX COUNTY NAACP EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Scholastic Award Application

Full Name _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Address _____ **Telephone** _____
(street address, city, and zip code please)

E-mail address _____

When do you plan to enter college/technical institution? _____

What college(s)/institution(s) have you applied to?

Please include a copy of your acceptance letter.

Major (if decided) _____

What are your career goals?

Which high school are you currently attending?

Town _____ **Class Rank and/or GPA** _____

What school activities have you been involved in and the dates of involvement?

Have you received any awards, including DARE? If so, please list:

What offices have you held? Include dates.

What are your hobbies and special interests?

Community Involvement

Essay: 300-500 words. Please discuss the following. “What is your understanding of the NAACP? In your opinion, how has the NAACP benefited society? What challenges are present today in fulfilling the goals of the NAACP mission? Finally, how can this scholarship benefit you?”

Thank you for your submission!