



Wayne Nelson Academic Scholarship Program

Academic Year 2022-2023

Tracy African American Association (TAAA) is a non-profit organization established in 1994 by a group of concerned professionals seeking to form ties among African Americans and others in the Tracy Community. Our mission is to create a cooperative environment that unites people of all ages and backgrounds through sponsorship, while promoting and contributing to educational, cultural, and social programs and activities that foster awareness, diversity, and a cooperative environment that unites the Tracy Community. Membership is open to individuals who share and embrace the TAAA Mission.

As our global society continues to make technological advances, it becomes imperative that African American youth are equipped to meet the challenges of the future. That future mandates a sound education, knowledge, skills, and abilities. TAAA seeks to assist the youth of our community in their academic development by making available scholarships toward a college education.

Tracy African American Association, LLC. (TAAA) places special emphasis on youth mentorship and education, and gears nearly all events and activities toward fundraising to benefit the Wayne Nelson Academic Scholarship Program. For many years, the African American community has recognized a need for improved educational opportunities for African American youth. With a quality education, our youth can be confident, competent, and self-assured young men and women as they prepare to become future leaders of our community and world.

Scholarship applications are available online in November each year. Applications must be submitted no later than the second Saturday in April 2023. Scholarship recipients will be announced in May 2023 at their respective high school awards night assemblies. Students and/or their parents are encouraged to join TAAA. While this is not a prerequisite to being awarded a scholarship, your thoughts and participation in the community are always welcomed.

PURPOSE:

Annually, TAAA provides scholarships—named for the late TAAA member and education advocate Wayne Nelson—to enrich educational opportunities for college-bound African American students.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AMOUNT

Minimum of \$500

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Multiple

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- The applicant must be an African American High School Senior
- ATTENDS high school within Tracy or Lammersville School Districts which includes Mountain House
- Demonstrated involvement in activities (extracurricular, volunteer, paid, etc.)
- Complete a minimum of 25 Community Service Hours before application is submitted.
15 of those hours must be completed in service of TAAA. (In addition to the opportunities listed in the [community service program](#), applicants may satisfy this requirement by attending two general and or education committee meetings)
- Recipients must be granted acceptance into an accredited post high school program (i.e. a four-year college, university, community college, vocational, or trade school) on a full-time basis within one year of the immediate following the academic year.
- Recipients must attend TAAA’s Juneteenth Celebration on June 10, 2023.
- Upon award, recipients must attend a general meeting to introduce themselves to our general membership.
- All award recipients must provide a professional photograph (headshot preferred) and [photo release](#)

REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

- [TYPED](#) application
- [Photo Release form](#)
- Transcripts 7 Semesters - Official or Unofficial will be accepted with application
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Essay - 250 words or more

Describe your short and long-term goals about how furthering your education will assist you in impacting your community, culture, and family. Reflect on your personal journey (significant accomplishments, challenges and/or hardships) and any life lessons that you think will or have helped you succeed in college. Describe why you believe you are a good candidate for this scholarship.

*******DEADLINE*******

Completed applications and all required documents must be received (or postmarked) **before Saturday, April 1, 2023 by 12:00pm PST.** Late applications will NOT be accepted.

Email: olingaalexander7@gmail.com

Mail: Tracy African American Association
P.O. Box 62, Tracy, CA 95378

Attn: Wayne Nelson Academic Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP EVALUATION:

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Transcripts (GPA & GPA improvement)
- 3 Letters of Recommendations
- Typed Essay
- Evidence of community services, extracurricular activities, honors and awards

**The Scholarships will become void if the award recipient is not enrolled at an accredited post high school program (i.e. a four-year college, university, community college, vocational, or trade school) on a full-time basis within one year. (For example, if you graduate in May 2023, you must be enrolled by Fall 2024). Scholarship funds will be disbursed in 2023 after receipt of proof of enrollment (i.e., Class schedule on official college letterhead or print-out from college website or letter from the post high school program registrar's office.)



Tracy African American Association Wayne Nelson Scholarship Application

Contact Information		
Name:		
Address:		Phone:
Email Address		Current High School
GPA:	Graduation Date:	
School(s) you are planning on attending:		
Intended Major:		
Parents Name, Email, Phone Number:		

Evidence of extracurricular activities, honors, & awards

Evidence of community service 15 hours must be completed in service of TAAA <i>(download Community Service Tracking Hours Form if needed)</i>

List names of three individuals who will submit letters of recommendations:		

Agreement and Signature: By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete.

	Date:
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