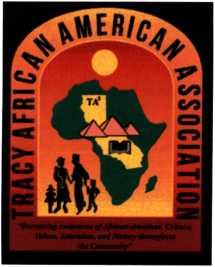
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Wayne Nelson Academic Scholarship Program  
Academic Year 2023-2024

Tracy African American Association (TAAA) is a non-profit organization established in 1994 by  
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 to support their college education.

Tracy African American Association, LLC. (TAAA) places particular 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 first Saturday in April 2024. Scholarship recipients will be  
announced in May 2024 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.

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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
* Demonstrated involvement in activities (extracurricular, volunteer, paid, etc.)
* Complete a minimum of 25 Community Service Hours before the application is submitted.

o 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 meetings, education committee meetings and  
sponsored events)

* 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 immediately following the current academic year.
* Recipients must attend TAAA's Juneteenth Celebration on June 8, 2024.
* 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 form.

REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

* TYPED application
* Photo Release form
* Transcripts 7 Semesters - Official or Unofficial will be accepted with the 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.

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Completed applications and all required documents must be received (or postmarked) before  
Saturday, April 6, 2024, by 12:00 p.m. PST. Late applications will NOT be accepted.

Email: [olingaalexander7@gmail.com](mailto:olingaalexander7@gmail.com)

Mail: Tracy African American Association Attn: Wayne Nelson Academic Scholarship Program  
P.O. Box 62, Tracy, CA 95378

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 2024, you must be enrolled by Fall 2025). Scholarship funds will be  
disbursed in 2024 after receipt of proof of enrollment (i.e., Class schedule on official college  
letterhead or print-out from the college website or letter from the post-high school  
program registrar's office.)

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| Applicant Contact Information | |
| Name: | |
| Address: | Phone: |
| Email Address: | Current High School: |
| GPA: | Graduation Date: |

School(s) you are planning on attending:

Intended Major:

Parent Name, Email, Phone Number:

Evidence of extracurricular activities, honors, & awards

Evidence of community service

**15 hours must be completed in service of TAAA** (download Community Service Tracking Hours Form if needed)

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| List the names of three individuals who will submit letters of recommendation: | | |
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Agreement and Signature: By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth are true and complete.

Date:

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