2023 - 2024 Wayne Nelson Scholarship Application

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

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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