

Wayne Nelson Scholarship Program

Academic Year 2021-2022



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 January each year. Applications must be submitted no later than the second Saturday in April 2022. Awards will be announced in May 2022 at their respective high school awards night assemblies. All scholarship recipients are required to attend TAAA's Juneteenth on June 11, 2022. Upon award, recipients are required to attend a general meeting to introduce themselves to our general membership. All award recipients must provide a photograph of themselves for publication in the Tracy Press, TAAA Website and Juneteenth Flyers.

PURPOSE / BACKGROUND:

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 who lives and attends a high school within Tracy or MountainHouse.
- Demonstrated involvement in activities (extracurricular, volunteer, paid, etc.)
- Complete a minimum of 25 Community Service Hours
 - 15 of those hours must be completed in service of TAAA. (Applicant may satisfy this requirement by attending one general meeting, volunteering at one TAAA event and completion of a project assigned by the Education Committee.)

- Student must be granted acceptance into an accredited post high school program (i.e.: a four-year college, university, vocational, or trade school) on a full-time basis within one year of the immediately following the academic year.

REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

In addition to the completed and TYPED application form, you are required to submit the following application documents to be considered for the Wayne Nelson Scholarship.

1. Transcripts 7 Semesters - (Unofficial will be accepted with application however if scholarship awarded Official is required to complete scholarship acceptance)
2. 3 Letters of Recommendation
3. Personal Essay – 500 Words - Describe your short and long-term goals and 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.

Completed applications and all required documents must be received (or postmarked) before the second Saturday in April 2022 by 12:00pm PST. Late applications will NOT be accepted.

Email: education@taaa.net
Mail: Tracy African American Association
Attn: Wayne Nelson Scholarship
P.O. Box 62, Tracy, CA 95378

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, vocational, or trade school) on a full-time basis.. (For example, you graduate May 2022, you must be enrolled by December 2022). Scholarship funds will be disbursed in 2022 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.)

SCHOLARSHIP EVALUATION:

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- GPA
- Essay
- Evidence of community services, extracurricular activities, honors and awards.
- Letters of Recommendations

**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.

***Each Scholarship recipient is encouraged to keep TAAA up to date about their educational journey and how important their college experience has benefited them. Each Scholarship recipient will be automatically enrolled as a member of TAAA, which is included when you are awarded a scholarship. After the first year you are responsible for renewing your membership.



Tracy African American Association Wayne Nelson Scholarship Application

Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City, Zip Code	
Phone	
E-Mail Address	
High School	GPA
Date of Graduation	
School (s) you are planning to attend	

Awards and Honors

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Community Service/Volunteer (Attach Community Service Form)

(i.e., Involvement with TAAA, community events, organizations, church functions, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, elderly help) Sample form can be found on the TAAA website

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

- 1
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- 2
- .
- 3
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Agreement and Signature

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

Signature

Date: