



Tracy African American Association

15th Annual Scholarship Award (Wayne Nelson Memorial Scholarship) Application

**Academic Year
2009-2010**



Scholarship Program

The 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 strives to unite people of all ages. We encourage active involvement in promoting, contributing and sponsoring educational, cultural, and social activities throughout the greater Tracy Community. Membership is open to any individual who shares the overall objectives of TAAA.

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.

For many years, the African American community has recognized a need for improved educational opportunities for African American youth. With a decent 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.

PURPOSE:

We offer educational scholarships each year to eligible students. The purpose of the scholarship is to enrich educational opportunities for college bound African American students in Tracy, California. Scholarships are awarded annually to high school seniors entering an accredited college or university full time. Scholarships are awarded for a **minimum** amount of **\$500.00**.

Applications are available in January and **must be submitted no later than Saturday, April 24, 2010**. Awards will be **announced the first week of May 2010** at the **TAAA General Meeting**. All recipients of the scholarship recipients are also expected to attend the TAAA Juneteenth celebration in June 5, 2010. Scholarship recipients will be invited and announced at the high school awards assembly. Scholarships will become void if college/university enrollment in the immediate following Fall or Spring semester is cancelled. Scholarship funds are distributed to the student upon proof of enrollment.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND EVALUATION

The applicant must be an African American high school senior from Tracy, California who has applied and has been granted acceptance into an accredited college or university of higher education.

The applicant will be evaluated based upon the following Scholarship criteria:

1. Timely submission of application (Page 3)
2. Grade point average upon graduation (confirmed by transcript).
3. Writing sample / essay on your academic and career objectives (Page 4)
4. Contributions to the community (Page 3)
5. Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, minister or employer who has worked with the applicant (Pages 4 & 5)

Questions can be directed to: TAAA Educational Committee Chair Mr. Paul Hall _____

**ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE POST
MARKED AND/OR SUBMITTED BY
SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010**



Scholarship Application

(Please print or type – Use black ink)

NAME: _____

Present Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ High School Attending: _____

Date of Graduation: _____ Social Security Number: _____

List the name of the college that you plan to attend. If more than one choice, please list all.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

AWARDS & HONORS: _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE: (such as involvement in TAAA, community events or service, Boys & Girls Club, Church functions, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, elderly help) _____

Extracurricular Activities _____

Please list the names of the two individuals who will be submitting letters of recommendation:

1. _____
2. _____

Applicant's Signature _____

