

**NAACP Arlington Branch #7047
Scholarship Program**

2023

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Return Completed Application to:

scholarships@arlingtonnaacp.com

For additional information:

E-mail: scholarships@arlingtonnaacp.com

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023**

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Purpose

In an effort to expand young adult engagement and higher educational opportunities, the NAACP Arlington Branch #7047, with the help of public and private donations, and the Willard Woodson Brittain Foundation, is committed to furthering the access of financial support for graduating high school seniors who have been accepted to an institution of higher learning. These scholarships, which are either annually renewable or one-time awards, are intended to help narrow the opportunity gaps that some Arlington students face throughout their educational careers. The NAACP Arlington Branch seeks to eradicate racial prejudice and to eliminate racial discrimination in access to education, employment, housing, and civil rights. Arlington Branch scholarships are awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, age, disability, or national origin.

2023 Available Scholarships.

The NAACP Arlington Branch is proud to offer the following scholarship opportunities for 2023:

❖ **Willard Woodson Brittain, Jr. Scholarship Award**

Overview: The Willard Woodson “Woody” Brittain Foundation provides scholarships for students who are actively involved in the Arlington community. This scholarship is renewable for the three consecutive years following the original award, subject to academic performance and available funding.

Eligibility: High school seniors who are residents of Arlington County, Virginia or are active members of a civic institution/organization or faith-based organization in Arlington, Virginia. Each applicant should be committed to promoting the mission and objectives of the NAACP. For additional information go to: <https://www.naacp.org/about-us/> . Each applicant must have a cumulative high school or college GPA of 2.5 or higher. To qualify for a recurring annual scholarship, awardees are required to keep the NAACP Arlington Branch and the Brittain Foundation informed of their academic progress each year, and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.

❖ **NAACP Arlington Branch Local Leaders Scholarship Award**

Overview: The Future Leaders Scholarship Award program is intended to provide Arlington students with financial need, assistance in furthering their higher educational goals. This scholarship will provide \$10,000 renewable scholarships to promising Arlington students. Awardees will be eligible for renewal of their scholarship for three consecutive years following the original award, subject to academic performance.

Eligibility: High school seniors who are residents of Arlington County, Virginia. Each applicant should be committed to promoting the mission and objectives of the NAACP. For additional information go to: <https://www.naacp.org/about-us/>. Each applicant must have a cumulative high school GPA of 2.75 or higher and demonstrate financial need. To qualify for a recurring annual scholarship, awardees are required to keep the NAACP Arlington Branch informed of their academic progress each year and maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA.

❖ **NAACP Arlington Branch Local Leaders Scholarship Award**

Overview: The Local Leaders Scholarship Award program is intended to provide Arlington students with financial need, assistance in furthering their higher educational goals. This scholarship will provide up to \$5,000 renewable scholarships to Arlington students who plan to attend Northern Virginia Community College, George Mason University or Marymount University. Awardees will be eligible for renewal of their scholarship for three consecutive years following the original award, subject to academic performance.

Eligibility: High school seniors who are residents of Arlington County, Virginia. Each applicant should be committed to promoting the mission and objectives of the NAACP. For additional information go to: <https://www.naacp.org/about-us/>. Each applicant must have a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or higher. To qualify for a recurring annual scholarship, awardees are required to keep the NAACP Arlington Branch informed of their academic progress each year and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.

❖ **NAACP Arlington Branch One-Time Scholarship Award**

Scholarship applicants who are not awarded a recurring scholarship, may be eligible for a one time scholarship from the Arlington Branch. All applicants must be residents of Arlington County, Virginia or an active member of a civic institution/organization, or faith-based organization in Arlington, Virginia. Priority is given to students intending to attend a Historically Black College or University. Each applicant should be committed to promoting the mission and objectives of the NAACP. Each applicant must have a cumulative high school or college GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Part I - Instructions

❖ Application Process

- The scholarship application must be completed with all supporting documents and submitted to the NAACP Arlington Branch by Wednesday, March 1, 2023.
- Email completed application to: scholarships@arlingtonnaacp.com. Copies of this application may be reproduced and distributed to the public.
- Scholarship will be made payable to the designated institution of higher learning and will be made directly to the student's financial account at the college, university, or vocational school in the recipient's name.

❖ Supporting Documents Required

- Completed application.
- Attach a personal statement and short essay.
- Two letters of recommendation. One letter must be from a School Counselor, Teacher, or other individual who can attest to academic performance. Another from a County Official, Faith Community Leader, Civic/Non-Profit Organization, Family Physician, or a resident of Arlington County who is not a member of your family and has known you for three or more years.
- Official High School Transcript
- Letter of Admission or Acceptance to an accredited institution of higher learning.
- Signed and dated ***Certification and Authorization Statement*** on page 9 of this application.
- OPTIONAL- Statement of difficult circumstances and/or Student Aid Report.
 - ***Student Aid Report is required for consideration for the Future Leaders Scholarship***

Part II- Application

Please complete all sections of the application and return by **Wednesday, March 1, 2023.**

SECTION 1 – PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:	Date of Birth:
Ethnicity:	Affiliated Arlington Organization (Please list only if applicant is not an Arlington Resident):
Home Mailing Address:	
Cell Phone:	Home Phone:
E-mail Address:	
Member of the NAACP (If yes, complete membership information below) Membership Number: _____ Expires: _____ Branch Code: _____ Arlington NAACP Branch Code is: 7047	
Are you the first person to attend college in your immediate family? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are you submitting a Student Aid Report to document financial need? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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SECTION 2 – ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of High School & Address:

Name of Teacher Advisor/Guidance Counselor:

Guidance Counselor Telephone & E-mail:

Name of College/University/Trade School (You have been accepted to attend):

SECTION 3 –ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

A. List and briefly describe your high school extracurricular activities. List organization involvement, dates of participation, positions held, and responsibilities. *Example: Math Club, 9th - 12th grade, president 1 year, participated in math competitions*

B. List volunteer activities in which you have been involved. List organization, dates of participation, and responsibilities. *Example: AFAC Volunteer, 2020-2022, helped distribute meals to families*

C. List employment/internship activity. Specify employer, dates of employment, and duties.

D. List honors or academic awards you have received, the awarding institution, and date of award. (e.g. scholarly activities, research, etc.)

SECTION 4 – PERSONAL STATEMENTS AND ESSAY

Please attach a separate document addressing the questions below. The document should be typed, double spaced, Times New Roman, 12-point Font. Please sign this document (an electronic signature is allowable).

Personal Statement. In a brief (300 word maximum) statement, please inform us of your personal goals and explain what sets you apart from others who might be deserving of this award.

Short Essay. Write a short essay answering the question below. Your essay should be 250-500 words, and usage of appropriate works must be cited (any form of plagiarism will cause an application to be disqualified):

- *Describe an issue related to racial and ethnic disparities in Arlington that is important to you. What steps can be taken by young adults to promote racial equity in their community?*

OPTIONAL Statement. If you have faced difficult/extenuating circumstances in your academic or personal journey, you may address those in a brief statement (300 word maximum)

CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION STATEMENT

Your certification serves the same purpose as a legal signature and is binding.

- I certify that I have read and understand all instructions within this application.
- I certify that all the information and statements I have provided in the application are current, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I certify that my personal essay and the information on my application **represent my own work.**
- If selected for the scholarship, I authorize the NAACP Arlington Branch #7047 and the Willard Woodson Brittain Foundation to share my name and photo in their educational programs and media outlets covering the NAACP.
- If selected, I agree to notify the NAACP Arlington Branch #7047 via e-mail of my intent to attend or not attend the virtual awards ceremony event. Additionally, I agree to submit a one-page personal bio with a .jpeg photo.
- If selected, I agree to attend the virtual leadership seminar hosted by the NAACP Arlington Branch #7047.
- I understand that withholding information requested on this application, or giving false information, may be grounds for denial of the scholarship.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____