



Arlington Branch NAACP #7047

Scholarship Program

APPLICATION

2020

Return Completed Application to:

Arlington Branch NAACP #7047

Attn: 2020 Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 4528

Arlington, Virginia 22204

For additional information:

E-mail: 7047@arlingtonnaacp.com

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

JULY 30, 2020

Arlington Branch NAACP#7047, 2020 Scholarship Program

Criteria for 2020

Purpose

In an effort to expand young adult engagement and educational opportunities, the Arlington Branch NAACP#7047 and Woody Brittain Foundation are committed to furthering the access of financial support for graduating high school seniors who have been accepted to an institution of higher learning (university, college or trade school). This application establishes guidelines which each applicant must meet before being awarded a scholarship.

Background/Guidelines

A. With available funds donated by the Arlington Branch NAACP along with public and private donations and the Brittain Foundation, the Arlington Branch NAACP will provide multi-year and one-time scholarships to qualified students who meet established criteria.

B. Those awardees who receive the Woody Brittain Scholarship are eligible for renewal of their scholarship for three consecutive years following the original award, subject to academic performance and available funding.

C. Awardees that do not qualify for the re-occurring scholarship, will receive a one-time scholarship funded by donations from members and local philanthropists. D. All awardees are required to attend a one-day virtual leadership summit sponsored by the Arlington Branch NAACP on Saturday, December 19, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

E. Last year, Arlington Branch NAACP awarded over \$26,000 in reoccurring and one-time scholarships.

D. Scholarship awards will be formally announced during August 2020

E. Scholarships will be made payable to the designated institution of higher learning in September 2020 towards the first semester for academic year 2020-2021 for in-coming and enrolled college students. Payments will be made directly to the student's financial account at the college, university or vocational school in the recipient's name.

F. The Executive Committee of the Arlington Branch NAACP will select members from the general membership to review, screen and make recommendations on application awardees.

Qualifying Factors

All students must complete an application that includes the following, but not limited to:

- A. An official (**SEALED**) high school transcript.
- B. Letter of acceptance from an accredited college, university or trade school.
- C. Must be graduating from an Arlington County public school in June 2020 academic year or registered as an active member of a church or civic organization located in Arlington, Virginia.
Note: A letter from the church or civic organization validating your membership is required.
- D. Must have demonstrated outstanding leadership potential, community service and sustained academic performance.

Eligible students must submit a completed application and forward via United States Postal Service to the Arlington Branch NAACP#7047 and email a copy to: 7047@arlingtonnaacp.com with the subject line “2020 Scholarship Committee.” Applications **must be received** by the Arlington Branch NAACP not later than 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2020.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED AND NOT CONSIDERED

Eligibility Criteria for the Willard Woodson Brittain Jr. Scholarship Award

All applicants must be residents of Arlington County, Virginia or an active member of a civic institution/organization, or church 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. Each applicant must submit a short 500 word or less essay. Details are on page 3 of this application.

To qualify for a recurring annual scholarship for up to 4 years, awardees are required to keep the Arlington Branch NAACP #7047 and the Brittain Foundation informed of their academic progress for at least 48 months and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Eligibility Criteria for the One-Time Award Scholarships

All applicants must be residents of Arlington County, Virginia or an active member of a civic institution/organization, or church in Arlington, Virginia. 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 and submit a 500 word or less essay. Details are on page 3 of this application.

Application Process

The scholarship application must be completed with all supporting documents and submitted to the Arlington Branch NAACP. Mail completed application to: ARLINGTON BRANCH NAACP ATTN: 2020 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, P.O. Box 4528, Arlington, Virginia 22204. Copies of this application may be reproduced and distributed to the public.

Final award decisions will be announced at the NAACP Arlington Branch monthly general membership meeting in August 2020.

Supporting Documents Required

1. Completed application typed or printed in black ink.
2. *Attach personal essay (less than 500 words) on the following topic:
Why Is Race Relations Important in America and How Can Young Adults Advance Race Relations in America
3. Two letters of recommendation (Counselor or Teacher from Arlington Public School, County Official, Pastor or Leader of a Church, 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.
4. Letter of **Admission or Acceptance** to an accredited university, college or trade school.
5. Signed and dated ***Certification and Witness Statement*** on page 8 of this application.



Arlington Branch NAACP 2020 Scholarship Program Application – Part II

Please complete all sections of the application.

Must be received before 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2020

SECTION 1 – PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:	Date of Birth:
Gender:	Ethnicity:
Home Mailing Address:	
Cell Phone:	Home Phone:
E-mail Address:	
Member of the NAACP (Yes/No) Circle One Membership Number: _____ Expires: _____ Branch Code: _____ Arlington NAACP Branch Code is: 7047	
Are you the first person to attend college in your immediate family? Yes or No (Check or circle One)	

SECTION 2 – ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of College/High School & Address

Name of Advisor/Guidance Counselor _____

Guidance Counselor Telephone & E-mail: _____

Cumulative High School or College GPA: _____

Name of College/University (You currently attend or have been accepted to attend):

College Mailing Address: _____

Mailing Address for College Financial Aid Office: _____

Financial Aid Office Telephone & Email:

College Student Account # _____

Intended College Major: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

SECTION 3 – ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

A. List and briefly describe your high school extracurricular activities (e.g. memberships in organizations, sports, etc.):

Organization Involved	Position Held	Date of Involvement

Briefly describe your responsibilities: (Use separate piece of paper)

B. List volunteer activities in which you have been involved:

Organization	Activity	Date of Involvement

Brief description of how you participated (Use separate piece of paper)

C. List honors or academic awards you have received (e.g. scholarly activities, research, etc.):

Award/Honor	Institution/Organization	Date

SECTION 4 – SHORT ESSAY

Attach a Typed (2 Page Min) 500 Word Essay, Double space, Times New Roman, 12 size Font, on the following subject: **Why Race Relations is Important in America” or “How Can Young Adults Advance Race Relations in America**

Additional instructions: Include in the essay one paragraph informing us of your personal goals. Explain what sets you apart from others who might be deserving of this award. **You must sign your essay.** Usage of appropriate works must be cited. Any form of plagiarism will cause an application to be disqualified.

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 authorized the Arlington Branch-NAACP #7047 and Woody 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 Arlington Branch NAACP 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 w/ .jpeg photo with proper attire, NO LATER THAN September 1, 2020 **(High School Graduation or Professional Photo Recommended).**
- If selected, I agree to attend the virtual leadership seminar hosted by the Arlington Branch NAACP #7047 and the Brittain Foundation on Saturday, December 19, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 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: _____

Witness:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____