**2024-25 NAACP Central Delaware Empowerment Through Education Scholarship**

This scholarship is open to all graduating seniors attending a high school in Kent County Delawares matriculating into full-time enrollment at an accredited academic institution in the Fall of 2025. This is a **non-renewable** scholarship opportunity. We offer scholarships to outstanding and qualified students pursuing undergraduate degrees. Through the generosity of our members, we advance efforts to ensure equity in educational opportunities that prepares students for success in school, work, and life*.*

**Scholarship Details**

* Scholarship Amount: $1000.00
* Number of Scholarships: 2

**To be eligible for the scholarship, students must:**

1. Be a resident of Kent County Delaware

2. Attend one of the following high-schools: Dover High school, Caesar Rodney High school, PolyTech High school, Early College High school, Lake Forest High school or Smyrna High school

3. Demonstrate acceptance to an accredited 4 year college or university

4. Have a GPA of 2.75 or higher

4. Complete the application in its entirety

**Completed application must include:**

1. All sections of this application complete

2.Current school transcripts (unofficial)

3. Two (2) letters of recommendation

4. Completed essay or video

5. Headshot

6. College Accepted letter required before distribution of award

**Scholarship Timeline**

Scholarship applications will open on Monday December 2, 2024 and close on Monday April 7th 2025.

*Applications are reviewed and scored by the Scholarship Committee, NAACP leaders who volunteer their time to read applications, review transcripts, and select recipients for approval. If selected, you will be notified via email. Decisions of the selection committee are final and cannot be appealed.* All recipients will be asked for a headshot and bio. By accepting the award, recipients give the Central Delaware NAACP to release your name and likeness for press releases and future scholarship promotions.

*Recipients will be asked to attend and will receive two (2) complimentary tickets to the Annual Central Delaware Freedom Fund Banquet where they will be listed in the program and recognized for their achievements.*

Members of the Central Delaware NAACP Education Committee will make every effort to attend any high school awards ceremony to present acknowledgements of the scholarship award.

**Scholarship Application**

**First Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Middle Initial\_\_\_\_\_\_Last Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Home Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Phone Number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Cell/Home)Email Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian Full Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian Email Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Cell/Home Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Current Highschool of Attendance\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Current GPA\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Are you or a family member a current Central Delaware NAACP Member? Yes\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_**

**If Yes, please indicate member’s name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**List Volunteer Activity/Community Service/Sports with dates\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Do you give the Central Delaware NAACP and its community partners permission to use your likeness on social media, news media and in marketing material for the purposes of recognizing awardees and promoting future scholarships and branch initiatives? Yes\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

**Please Read:**

Where possible, we prefer to present the awards during the Senior Award night at their respective school(s). It will be incumbent upon the award recipient to provide the Central Delaware NAACP Education Committee with the details of the award ceremony (Date, time, location, any forms that we need to complete).  In the event this is not possible, a check will be issued via US Mail and the recipient will still be honored at the annual Freedom Fund Banquet in the Fall of 2025.

Yes, I understand\_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not understand\_\_\_\_\_

**Essay or Video Presentation Prompt**

Empowerment is a multifaceted concept that plays a crucial role in shaping individuals and communities. It refers to the process of gaining power, confidence, and control over one's life, often leading to positive changes in society.

 For the Central Delaware NAACP Scholarship, we invite you to explore the theme of empowerment by either writing a essay between 350-500 words or creating a 3-5 minute video presentation by responding to the following two part prompt:

Analyze how empowerment manifests in your local community. Are there individuals, organizations, or movements that exemplify empowerment? Discuss specific examples where empowerment has led to positive change within your community.

How has your education influenced your ability to empower yourself and others? What steps can educational institutions take to promote empowerment among students?

In crafting your essay/video please ensure that your ideas are clearly articulated, well-organized, and supported by personal anecdotes or relevant examples. Use this opportunity to express your passion for empowerment and your commitment to making a difference in your community.

This essay/video should not only reflect your understanding of empowerment but also your vision for how you can actively participate in fostering empowerment in others. We encourage you to be creative and authentic in your writing, as your unique perspective will make your essay stand out.

Remember, this scholarship is not just about recognizing academic achievement; it is also about identifying individuals who are committed to social justice and community improvement. Your essay should convey your dedication to these ideals and your readiness to be a catalyst for change.

Please attach your written essay to the application or submit it electronically to [education.centraldelawarenaacp.com](file:///E%3A%5CNAACP%5Ceducation.centraldelawarenaacp.com)

If creating a video, please share with us via Google Drive or email it to [education.centraldelawarenaacp.com](file:///E%3A%5CNAACP%5Ceducation.centraldelawarenaacp.com)

**Personal Statement (Optional):** What else would you like us to know about your academic and personal goals that you believe will help the committee understand who you are as a person (Up to 350 words attached separately)