

**CARBONDALE BRANCH NAACP DR. SEYMOUR BRYSON SCHOLARSHIP
GENERAL INFORMATION FOR STUDENT APPLICANTS**

BACKGROUND

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded in 1909 after the Springfield, Illinois race riot of 1908, when whites joined with the nucleus of the Niagara Movement to form the NAACP. In its conception, and today, the NAACP is comprised of members from all races and ethnicities.

To achieve its goal of social, political, and economic equality, the NAACP has focused on social action, litigation, legislation, and education.

Each year the Carbondale, Illinois Branch awards partial scholarships to deserving high school seniors. These funds are awarded to support pursuit of education at the post-secondary level.

The amount and number of such awards, is contingent upon the availability of funds from community donations, and the Branch's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast

Last year (2024) five \$1,000.00 scholarships were awarded.

Application Deadline: March 28, 2025

Application and supporting documents must be completed, scanned and uploaded to:
CarbondaleBranchNAACP@gmail.com

OR

turned in to your **School Counseling Office.**





ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Student must be a member of the BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) population.
- Applicants must be a student at an accredited high school who will graduate in the year of the award (**2025**).
- Students must have a cumulative grade point average of at least one of the following:
 - **2.75** on a 4.0 scale
 - **3.0** grade point average for the past 3 semesters.
- Student must complete the NAACP application form, answer the personal essay questions, and submit **one** letter of recommendation.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED

1. **COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION** (typed OR printed legibly).
2. **PERSONAL ESSAY:** At least one paragraph per question (MUST BE TYPED)
 1. Introduce yourself; tell us who you are
 2. What has impacted your life? How does this relate to the mission and vision of the NAACP?
 3. How will your post high school career path help make our society a better place?
 4. Discuss your volunteer experiences. Which experience has been most influential in your personal growth?
 5. How will these funds help contribute towards your pursuit of education.
 6. Any additional information you would like the committee to consider.
3. **TYPED LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION** (e.g.: Counselor, Instructor, Community Leader)

**CARBONDALE BRANCH NAACP
DR. SEYMOUR BRYSON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name : _____ Gender: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Attending College/University: _____

Anticipated College Major & Minor: _____

School Activities: _____

Community Activities: _____

Is Your Parent/Guardian a Member of NAACP? Yes No

Membership current? Membership NOT current?

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**SECTION BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED & SIGNED BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** GPA past 3 semesters: \_\_\_\_\_

**As a school official, I certify that the GPA indicated above is accurate.**

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_

TITLE

