

**NAACP Seacoast Branch
Nathaniel Holloway Community Scholarship Application**

Introduction

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has a long history of advocating and promoting the educational advancement of students who have historically been under-represented in post-secondary education. The NAACP Seacoast Branch supports this tradition locally by awarding scholarships to deserving students who are residents of the seacoast region of New Hampshire and Maine. Eligible communities include:

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| Barrington | Hampton | Newmarket | Seabrook |
| Berwick, ME | Hampton Falls | North Berwick, ME | Somersworth |
| Brentwood | Kensington | North Hampton | South Berwick, ME |
| Dover | Kingston | Northwood | Strafford |
| Durham | Kittery, ME | Nottingham | Stratham |
| Eliot, ME | Lee | Portsmouth | York, ME |
| Epping | Madbury | Raymond | |
| Exeter | New Castle | Rochester | |
| Gonic | Newfields | Rollinsford | |
| Greenland | Newington | Rye | |

Local individuals, organizations, and businesses contribute money to the scholarship fund because they recognize the importance of investing in the post-secondary education of the seacoast's youth. This investment is important not only for academic and financial reasons, but also for the social, cultural, and political growth afforded a region by having a well-educated citizenry.

Our community scholarship is named after Nathaniel Holloway. Mr. Holloway is an active member of the seacoast community, helping shape, define and influence the inclusive nature of our community for over 35 years. He founded the current Seacoast NAACP branch in 1974, was president of the branch for many years while raising a family and serving our country while in the Air Force. In 1989, Mr. Holloway helped establish the Martin Luther King Coalition (<http://www.martinlutherkingcoalition.org/>), an organization that is a driving force in New Hampshire for advancing the principles and message of Dr. King. Mr. Holloway's legacy is, and will be, the advancement of equal opportunity for all residents of our region and the promotion of education as the most effective tool to achieve individual and community success.

Purpose of scholarship

The purpose of the scholarship is threefold:

1. *Encourage academic success.* Academic success is broadly defined but is commonly understood to imply achieving academic success in a program of study selected by the student and persistence towards graduation. Academic success develops the skills and competencies that make possible success in the workplace and community. Students must be in good academic standing at their current institution to receive a scholarship.
2. *Encourage community activism.* The quality of life for members of a community is enhanced by active participation in the varied aspects of the community. Developing and encouraging awareness and engagement in community issues during the young adult years must be actively encouraged and supported by the community.
3. *Provide financial support to eligible students.* Increases in the cost of education at two- and four-year institutions have, over the past decade, exceeded any increases to family income. This dynamic makes financing higher education challenging for most families and individuals. This scholarship is not intended to finance an education, but to make a small contribution to the many costs a student will incur during one year in college.

Who is eligible to apply?

Minority students who intend to enroll, or are currently enrolled, in a regionally accredited (i.e., New England Association of Schools and Colleges—NEASC) two- or four-year institution are eligible to apply for these scholarships. The scholarships are awarded for the 2009-2010 academic year. Current minority high school seniors should apply for this scholarship.

Scholarship Value

The NAACP Seacoast branch will award two scholarships with a minimum value of \$450. These awards are one year awards and are not renewable. Students can receive an award from the NAACP only once.

How can I apply?

Students may apply by submitting the required documents to the NAACP Seacoast Scholarship Committee at the address listed below. Required documents include the following:

1. scholarship form (available at <http://www.seacoastnaacp.com/>)
2. An official high school transcript(s). Transcripts must include currently enrolled courses and latest quarter or semester grades.
3. Official college transcript(s) of all college work. Transcripts must include currently enrolled courses and latest quarter or semester grades.
4. One recommendation from an individual who can comment on your abilities, accomplishments and interests relative to the purposes of this scholarship as stated above.
5. 2 essays

Application materials will be available to students by January 15, 2009. Materials are available on-line at <http://www.seacoastnaacp.com/> and will be mailed to local high school guidance offices.

The deadline for submitting the scholarship application is March 1, 2009; all supporting scholarship materials (essays, transcripts) must be received by March 21, 2009.

Letters awarding the scholarships will be mailed by May 1, 2009.

All scholarship materials should be mailed to the following address. Please include your name and address on all documents (essays, recommendation).

Portsmouth NAACP
Scholarship Committee
Branch #2070
PO Box 1261
Portsmouth, NH 03802-1261

If yes, please attach a separate explanation detailing the incident(s).

15. Please list your school and community-based involvements in the space below. Attach a separate sheet of paper if you need additional space.

| <i>Activity dates involved contribution/responsibility</i> | <i>description of activity</i> | <i>your</i> |
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Family Information

1. Mother or guardian

a. full name: _____

b. address: _____

c. school/college attended: _____

d. degree earned and year graduated: _____

e. occupation and place of employment: _____

2. Father or guardian

a. full name: _____

b. address: _____

c. school/college attended: _____

d. degree and year graduated: _____

e. occupation and place of employment: _____

3. Are parents married, divorced, separated, or other? _____

4. What language(s) are spoken in your home: _____

5. List the names, ages and year in school (if applicable) of any siblings:

Essays (select 2); limit each response to 1 typewritten page

1. Tell us something more about yourself that would help us understand who you are, how you think, and what issues and ideas interest you most.
2. Discuss which community activities you have been involved such as scouting, volunteer work, religious youth groups, cultural organizations, etc. and why these organization(s) are significant to you.

3. Tell us the academic areas which interest you most and why.
4. Discuss some issue of personal, local, national, or international concern and its importance to you.
5. A range of academic interests, personal perspectives, and life experiences adds much to a community. Given your personal background, describe an experience that illustrates what you would bring to the diversity in a community, or an encounter that demonstrated the importance of diversity to you.

Signature section

I have completed this application accurately and thoroughly. The information contained in this application is the product of my work and thought.

Signature

Date

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