



Lebanon County NAACP Branch 26AA-B 2026 Lebanon County NAACP Diversity Scholarship Award

The NAACP or National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was established in 1909 and is America's oldest and largest civil rights organization. It was formed in New York City by Black and White activists, partially in response to the ongoing violence against Black Americans around the country. In the NAACP's early decades, its anti-lynching campaign was central to its agenda. During the civil rights era in the 1950s and 1960s, the group won major legal victories, and today the NAACP has more than 2,200 branches and some half a million members worldwide.

Established in fall 2020, the Lebanon County Branch 26AA-B gained official branch status in February 2021. **We are proud to sponsor our fourth annual \$1,000 one time/non renewable Diversity Scholarship to assist with books and incidental expenses offered to a deserving graduating Lebanon County senior of color (of African, Asian, Hispanic and/or Latino, Native American or mixed heritage) planning to enroll in college or a trade or vocational school in 2025, full-time or part-time (including culinary school, health care, auto repair, welding, animal care, technology, etc.) We are offering two scholarships this year!** The awarding of the scholarships will be based on Teacher or Community Member Recommendation and a 300 word essay (Essay scored based on content, not writing skill).

Application Requirements for the 2026 Lebanon County NAACP Diversity Scholarship Award

The following documents must be received with a postmark no later than April 17, 2026 addressed to:

**Pat Steely, NAACP Education Chair
751 Airport Road, Palmyra PA 17078**

or email scanned application to ptsteely@verizon.net

1. **A completed application**, signed by the applicant and a parent/guardian
2. **One letter of recommendation** from a teacher, guidance counselor or community member explaining why the student should receive this scholarship
3. A 300 word or less **essay** written by the applicant using 12 point font in response to the prompt below:

The ability to learn and to thrive in an equitable and inclusive community that offers a wide range of perspectives is crucial to living a full life. So is the ability to share your own perspective and experience with that community.

Write an essay that specifically describes what you have learned from and contributed to a diverse community you belong to, for example your school, club, team, church, or group of friends.

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LEBANON COUNTY NAACP DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Information

Name _____
First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address _____
Street _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Email Address _____

Race _____

Name of High School Attending _____

Post High School College/University/Trade School planning to attend

_____ Location _____

Intended Course of Study _____

Certification

I certify that I am a senior in high school and that all information provided in this application is true and correct.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST: **Signed Completed Application**

Recommendation

Essay

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