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PENDER COUNTY UNIT #5431 NAACP SCHOLARSHIPS

Mission Statement: The Mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to achieve equity, political and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination and accelerate the well-being, education and economic security of black people and all persons of color.

Rationale: The Pender County Unit of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is dedicated to the education and civic growth of young people. As our young adults venture out into the world, we recognize the importance of providing a sound educational foundation and their right to participate in social and civic minded initiatives that promote and liberate people of all races, creeds and color and promote a desire to give back to communities around the world.

Criteria for Applicants

1. A graduating high school senior or first year student currently enrolled in a college or university.
2. In good academic standing with at least a 2.5 grade point average.
3. Provide proof of current membership in the NAACP.

Applicant Submissions **(READ AND SUBMIT ITEMS 1-6)**

To be considered for the award, applicants are required to submit (1) one complete packet of information for review. The Scholarship Committee maintains the right to accept an applicant packet for review and you may apply for only one scholarship, if so desired. Application packets **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY EMAIL OR TEXT.**

Submissions must include:

1. A completed typewritten application or legibly written in black ink only.
2. Include a head shot photograph (3"x5" preferred, wallet sized is acceptable).

3. Proof of acceptance into a college or university that you will attend in the fall such as an acceptance letter, a high school or college official transcript or a class schedule showing your college ID number. Proof of membership in the Pender NAACP.

4. Two letters of recommendation from the following: a local, state NAACP Officer, a high school or college official and/or a community or church event official or sponsor.

5. One typewritten personal essay (format: 300 words double spaced 12 font) ABOUT YOURSELF, school and community involvement and your future goals. The essay must show, "How you plan to use your skills to serve your community when you graduate?"

6. Visit the naacp-pender.com website. You may select from Option 1 or Option 2 to write a 300 word double spaced essay. (1). Select *a PROFILE OF ONLY ONE OF THE SPONSORS TO WRITE A 300 WORD ESSAY. HOW WOULD YOU THANK THEM TODAY FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO PENDER COUNTY. HOW WOULD YOU FOLLOW IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS TO IMPROVE PENDER COUNTY.* (2). You may select from one of the following issues listed below and provide the scholarship committee with a typewritten 300-word double-spaced essay.

- 1). Voter Rights and How important it is to Vote!
- (2). Should AA Studies/World Geography be required before graduating high school?
- (3). Why Join a Civic Organization and Give Back to Your Community?
- (4). Social Media Influencers and how it effects your daily life
- (5). OTHER Social Issues: _____ (type in the name of your own topic).

Application Deadline Date: Tuesday, June 30, 2026 by 6:00pm.

Please return the 2 page typewritten application and submissions 1-6. All materials should be mailed or hand delivered in one sealed manila envelope ON-OR-BEFORE the deadline date. No submission will be accepted after the deadline.

CHOOSE THE BEST METHOD TO RETURN THE COMPLETED PACKET ON OR BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE

HAND DELIVERED: Bring your completed packet to 34616 NC HWY 210 By 6:00Pm. PLEASE ASK FOR MRS. DYANN ROWELL

Mail completed packet to: Mrs. Dyann B. Rowell P.O.Box 68 Currie, NC 28435

Essay will be evaluated on the following criteria:

Content:

1. Typewritten essay(s) with a minimum of 300 words; not to exceed 500 words.
2. The topic is clearly addressed and no plagiarism of content information.
3. Ideas are developed and supported.

4. Double check your packet to include all submissions.

Grammatical Structure:

- 1. Free of run-on sentences and sentence fragments.**
- 2. Correct and appropriate word choices.**
- 3. Free of spelling errors**

Organization:

- 1. Ideas flow with clarity and are supported by research and findings.**
 - 2. The details are in sequential and logical order.**
 - 3. The writing has a clear beginning, middle and ending.**
 - 4. Be sure to proof-read your essay. Make sure it is legible and in proper order. Have someone you trust critique your essay before submission.**
 - 5. Remember submit only your best work. Your work is a snapshot of who you really.**
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Points to Remember:

(A). The decision of the President/Chair and Scholarship Committee are final. All scholarship packets are confidential and will be reviewed and evaluated by the Scholarship Committee members only.

(B). Recipients will be notified by the Scholarship Chair at the request of the Local Unit and State President.

(C). The Scholarship Recipients are asked to comply with all request to appear and acknowledge the scholarship at an appointed time and place once the formal announcement is made at the (Freedom Fund Banquet, August 15, 2026 at the Middle District Bldg., Burgaw). An invitation will be sent to you by the Scholarship Chair. Refusing to comply means the scholarship CAN BE WITHDRAWN.

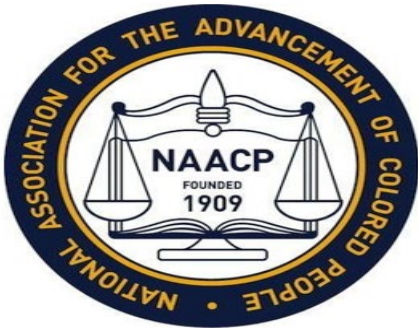
(D). Recipients must apply the scholarship monies for educational purposes only.

(E). Be mindful of the scholarship sponsors. Read the profile page of each scholarship sponsor and learn about them. Some scholarships may have specific requirements that the sponsors have requested. You must meet those criteria as well before submission.

JOIN THE PENDER COUNTY BRANCH OF THE NAACP AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUBMISSION!

Mrs. Dyann B. Rowell, Pender NAACP Scholarship Chair

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PENDER COUNTY Unit # 5431 Scholarship Application 2026

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

Read the Profile of each scholarship sponsor and then check the scholarship for which you are applying. You may apply for only one scholarship if you meet the criteria and you must be a resident of PENDER COUNTY. You Must be a resident of Pender County to apply for the scholarship.

_____ James H. Faison Jr. & Mary H. Faison & Judge James H. Faison, III (Open)

_____ Ambassador Mattie R. Sharpless (Hwy 117 Hampstead)

_____ Dr. Reta Moore Shiver (Public Service)

_____ Dr. Johnny Batts, Jr. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

_____ Mrs. Claudia Probst Stack

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Do you currently reside full-time in Pender County? _____

FULL NAME: _____

LAST

FIRST

M.I.

ADDRESS: _____

STREET

APT.# OR UNIT NUMBER

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Birthdate: _____ Email address: _____

Mother's Name _____ Occupation & Employer: _____

Father's Name _____ Occupation & Employer: _____

AFFILIATION

Are you a Member of the NAACP: _____ What is your local unit #: _____

How often do attend and where are meetings held: _____

Name of your local NAACP President: _____

Name of your State NAACP Conference President: _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Name of High school or college you attend: _____

Year of graduation: _____ Career Interest or college major: _____

Significant Honors and Awards: _____

EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITIES

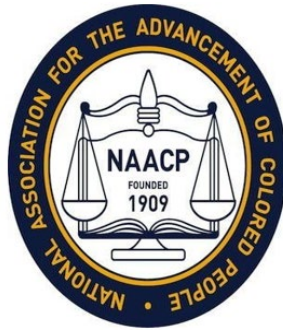
Significant Extra Curricular Activities: _____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Significant Volunteer and Community Service: _____

*****Note: Your signature confirms that everything you have submitted on the application is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge. Falsification of information will nullify your financial award and you will be eliminated from any future scholarship award prospects by the NAACP Pender County Unit #5431.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____



PENDER COUNTY NAACP LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP PROFILES

Pender County NAACP Unit 5431-B has made a profound historical impact on the citizens of Pender County and the work of the organization has not gone unnoticed. The legacy of these contributors has fostered growth and development of all people. The integrity of the organization is unquestionable as the work continues; while fighting against racial discrimination, inequality, bias employment practices, voter registration restrictions and so many other injustices. We invite you to read the legacy profiles of each scholarship sponsor and keep their dreams alive.



James H. Faison Jr.,

Mr. Faison graduated from Williston Industrial High School in 1946. He dutifully served in the US Army and received honorable discharge in 1954 as a Second Lieutenant. His love was educating and helping young people reach their academic achievement goals. His first teaching job was at West Pender Elementary School where he served as a teacher and community boy scouts leader. He later served as PTA President at Rocky Point Elementary. He was the first fulltime African American Instructor at Cape Fear Technical institute (now Cape Fear Community College). His passion for preparing students for careers and employment opportunities at industries throughout the Carolina's was noted as one of his greatest achievements. He wrote the first curriculum initiative for minority students in vocational education which later expanded to become the Region O' Council for Minority Students. (ROCAME) in New Hanover County.



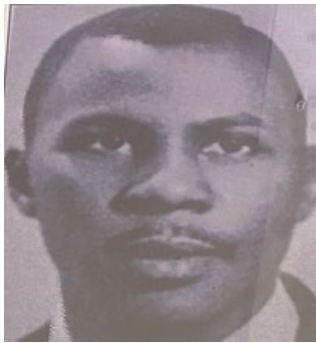
Mary H. Faison:

Mary Faison was a vocational teacher at Pender County Training School in Rocky Point and Pender High School, Burgaw, NC. Her major was Home Economics Education and she had a great love for music and playing the piano. A consummate seamstress, she always helped students appreciate the proper aspects of daily life; whether it was taking pride in your appearance, your conduct, your personal health and mannerism, she was always willing to give advice about proper etiquette in such a manner wherein you felt comforted and safe. Her classroom served as a beacon welcoming students into a peaceful home-like safe-space. She was well known for her soft voice, her comforting and beautiful smile and being a model parent to her son and granddaughter, Christa, whom she loved dearly. The Faison's were faithful members of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Rocky Point for over 30 years.



Ambassador Mattie R. Sharpless:

Ambassador Mattie R. Sharpless graduated from Pender County Training School in Rocky Point. She was nominated by President George W. Bush to serve as Ambassador to the Central African Republic. She was confirmed by the U.S. Senate October 1, 2001 when she began working in the CAR's capital, Bangui. She served in this position for two years. She started her government career work stateside in 1965 with the Department of Agriculture (USDA). She worked with the United States Foreign Agriculture Service also. Her life's journey has taken her to Africa, Belgium, Switzerland, France and points beyond. Mattie pursued higher education at North Carolina College in Durham, NC where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Education. The college became North Carolina Central University and she returned to earn a master's degree in Business Administration and Economics. A portion of US Highway 17 is named in her honor.



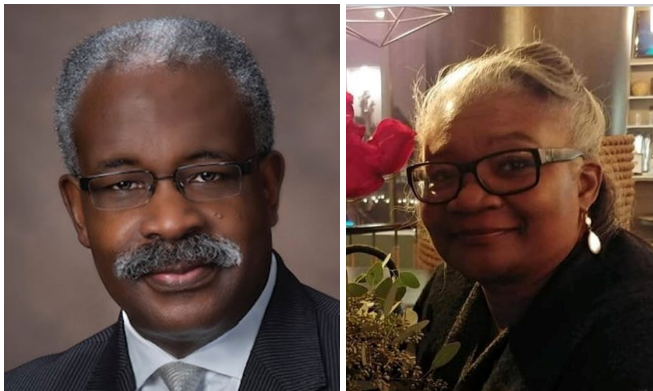
Dr. Johnny Batts, Jr.

Dr. Johnny Batts, Jr. attended the Sloop Point Rosenwald School as a child from the first through the sixth grade. He is a retired physicist born in 1942 in Pender County. He credits Ms. Billingslea as a multi-talented teacher who helped him develop his love for science and music. She also help cultivate his talents in math and science as well as his musical ability. She required students to explain their reasoning when solving the problems. Another technique she used was older students helping younger students solve problems. Later research defined this as "peer learning" or peer tutoring. He is well known for his work at NASA. Dr. Batts will honor scholarship awards for those majoring in Physics. However; he has focused updating the major to include Stem classes which include Science, Biology, Chemistry, Engineering and any related field.



Dr. Reta Moore Shiver:

Dr. Reta Moore Shiver served as Director of the Pender County Social Services Department for over 30 years. She was a member of Mt. Moriah AME Church in Rocky Point. Dr. Reta Moore Shiver's family sponsors will honor scholarship awards for recipient's who plan to major in Public Service. She was a strong and fierce advocate for fairness and equality. She made sure that the ratio of employment opportunities for people of color to work in public service and health was equitable in Pender County. When she met opposition, she fought with courage, poise and grace, Christian love and humility for all people. Dr. Sheba Shiver, her daughter, serves as contact and a liaison for this scholarship.



Reverend James Faison, III & Reverend Angela W. Faison:

The son of James H. Faison Jr. and Mary R. Faison, Judge Faison served as judge for the 5th Judicial District Court. He was appointed to the position by Governor James Hunt in 2000. A proud graduate of North Carolina Central University in Political Science and Judge Faison earned his license to practice law in 1989. He is also the Pastor at Byrd's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Rose Hill, NC. He is married to Mrs. Angela Faison, a retired Environmental Planner and avid supporter of her husband and the work he does in the ministry and the judicial system. They have one daughter, Christa, who is an educator and a very accomplished violinist.



Author Claudia A. Probst Stack:

Claudia Stack was an educator, author and an award winning film-maker. Her videos can be found on Wikipedia: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Claudia-Stack>. Her many works included a 2012 documentary “Under the Kuduz” a film documentary about the history of the Rosenwald Schools in Pender County and “Carrie Mae”: An American Life (2015) a story focusing on schools that African American families help build during the segregation era. As a preservationist, she worked tirelessly with local citizens and community leaders in the restoration of these historically unique buildings that served as institutions of learning for black children in rural America. This scholarship will honor recipients majoring in History, the Arts, Videography and Film.