

# NAACP

*West Volusia Branch*

## David H. Staples Scholarship Application

Dear Applicant:

Each year the West Volusia Branch of the NAACP awards educational scholarships to students. The scholarship recipients will be awarded funds, which will be **directly** disbursed to the college or university of their choosing.

The West Volusia NAACP Education Committee has always made education a **priority**. Applying for the *David H. Staples Scholarship* will be a great start to a successful future. Please read the guidelines carefully and submit your completed scholarship application prior to the deadline.

*A completed application must be post marked to:*

**West Volusia NAACP Branch 5146-B**

Attn: Dr. Craig Scott, Education Chair

P.O. Box 385

DeLand, FL 32721

**Deadline: April 15, 2026**

*No submissions will be accepted after the deadline.*

### Scholarship applications require:

1. The applicant or immediate family member **must** be a current member of the West Volusia NAACP Branch or Youth Council.
2. A completed scholarship application post marked by the April 15, 2026, deadline.
3. Two letters of recommendation (one **must** be from a current school official; letters of recommendation from relatives are strictly prohibited).
4. A brief essay (1500 words) describing your motivations for pursuing your course of study and how you, the NAACP, or your community will benefit when you attain your educational goals.
5. Proof of a 2.5 GPA or higher and a current “sealed” official high school transcript.
6. Exhibit good citizenship and provide (2) verifications of community service within the last six months.
7. **Must** provide verification of enrollment in a community college, college, or university as a full-time student before **any** disbursement.
8. Applicant **must** be a U.S. citizen and a legal resident of the County of West Volusia.
9. Applicant **must** use the awarded scholarship within one year of the acceptance date.

***NOTE: Incomplete and/or late applications will not be accepted after the deadline.***

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NAACP Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

High School/College Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted to college/university?  YES  NO

Institute Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Score: Math \_\_\_\_\_ English \_\_\_\_\_ Essay \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Scores: Math \_\_\_\_\_ English \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNITY SERVICE: List uncompensated volunteer activities during high school.

Organization/Special Event	Years of Involvement	Total Hours Volunteered

LEADERSHIP: List ALL leadership positions that you held during high school.

Organization/Special Event	Years of Involvement	Total Hours Volunteered

ACHIEVEMENTS: List any outstanding achievements you received during high school.

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Are you a current member of the NAACP?  YES  NO

Please provide the name(s) and address of your immediate NAACP family members:  
(father, mother, etc.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Education Committee of the West Volusia NAACP would like to thank you  
for your interest in the David H. Staples Scholarship.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact us at  
[info@westvouisanaacp.org](mailto:info@westvouisanaacp.org) or visit [WestVolusiaNAACP.org](http://WestVolusiaNAACP.org)

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CHECKLIST FOR THE DAVID H. STAPLES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION	
	Proof applicant or immediate family member is a current member of the West Volusia NAACP Branch or Youth Council.
	A completed scholarship application post marked by April 15, 2026.
	Two letters of recommendation (one <b>must</b> be from a current school official and letters of recommendation from relatives are prohibited).
	Essay (1500 words) describing your motivations for pursuing your course of study and how you, NAACP or your community will benefit when you attain your educational goals.
	Proof of a 2.5 GPA or higher and a current “sealed” official high school transcript.
	Good citizenship/character (signed letter(s) from pastor or community leader, etc.)
	Two (2) verifications of community service within the last six months.
	Verification of enrollment in a college or university as a full-time student
	Provide the name and mailing address of the educational institution. Note: Disbursements are made directly to institution!!!
	Proof of U.S. citizenship and legal resident of the County of West Volusia
	Other – Proof/Statement of Leadership
	Other – Proof/Statement of Achievements
	Other(s) document(s)

Finalist for scholarship will have a brief interview with Education committee Chair.

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