

THE WATER & POWER AFRICAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION



“We Promote African American Achievement”

Scholarship Application Packets

AVAILABLE NOW!

The **2026 WPAAA Scholarship Application Packet** is ready! The packet contains the application, eligibility requirements and the guidelines for submitting an application.

The deadline for submitting Scholarship Applications this year is **June 30, 2026**. All documents must be **postmarked** by this date in order to be eligible for consideration for this year’s scholarships. Documents must be mailed. Hand-delivered documents will not be accepted.

WPAAA members can sponsor two applicants per scholarship period. Please encourage graduating high school students or currently enrolled undergraduate college students to apply for this scholarship. WPAAA looks forward to providing monetary assistance to community-minded students in active pursuit of higher education. Sponsor forms should be emailed to wpaaa.scholarshipinbox@gmail.com. Sponsors will be contacted to assist in the application process if necessary.

The application may also be downloaded from www.WPAAAONE.com.

If you need more information regarding the scholarship program, you may contact any of the following WPAAA Members:

Cher Roberts, WPAAA Scholarship Chair (213) 841- 4698

Sabrina Saucer, WPAAA President

Kimberly Smith, WPAAA Scholarship Committee (Board Member)

Mudia Aimiuwu , WPAAA Scholarship Committee

Colette Thomas, WPAAA Scholarship Committee

Angela Perry, WPAAA Scholarship Committee

Nimota Animashaun, WPAAA Scholarship Committee

India Parks, WPAAA Scholarship Committee

Ericka Ransom, WPAAA Scholarship Committee

Vernice Taylor, WPAAA Scholarship Committee

Patrice King WPAAA Scholarship Committee

We are proud to support our youth in achieving their academic goals



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WPAAA SCHOLARSHIP SPONSOR STATEMENT

(Submit by email on or before **June 30, 2026**) - -

APPLICANT NAME _____

SPONSOR NAME _____ CONTACT PHONE _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT _____
(Example: parent, neighbor, church member, etc....)

BRIEFLY EXPLAIN WHY YOU BELIEVE THIS STUDENT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR THE WPAAA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD. INCLUDE STATEMENTS REGARDING PERSONAL CHARACTER/INTEGRITY ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS, FINANCIAL NEED AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS. (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY).

SPONSOR SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

ATTENTION SPONSOR

Please be advised, as a sponsor you will be required to score other applicants. Failure to score other applicants, will impact the score of the applicant you sponsor. Submit this form by Email to: wpaaa.scholarshipinbox@gmail.com

ON OR BEFORE **June 30, 2026**

*** Do Not Give To Student ***

Water and Power African American Association 2026 Scholarship Guidelines

Who Can Apply?

- **Applicants must meet one of the classifications noted below:**
 - **High School seniors** who will be attending an approved accredited institution during the academic year immediately following the scholarship award (Fall 2026). Eligible institutions include two or four-year colleges, universities, or trade schools.
 - **High School graduates** who will be attending an approved accredited institution during the academic year immediately following the scholarship award (Fall 2026). Eligible institutions include two or four-year colleges, universities, or trade schools.
 - **Currently enrolled undergraduate students** attending an approved school. These students must also be enrolled in an approved accredited institution during the academic year immediately following the scholarship award (Fall 2026). Eligible institutions include two or four-year colleges, universities, or trade schools.
- Students must be enrolled on at least a 3/4-time basis. (This is equivalent to at least nine units on a semester or quarter system). **Enrichment workshops will not be considered for this program.**
- Applicants must be of African American Heritage.
- Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above.
- Each applicant must be sponsored by a WPAAA member. Each WPAAA member can sponsor a maximum of two (2) applicants per year.
 - Sponsor must be an established WPAAA member 90 days prior to the scholarship application deadline.
 - Sponsor must **email** a "**Sponsor Statement Form**" for each student.
 - Each WPAAA member can sponsor a maximum of two (2) applicants per year.
 - If applicant's parent is a DWP employee, parent must be an established WPAAA member 90 days prior to the scholarship application deadline.

When And How Are Scholarships Awarded?

Scholarships are awarded annually. All scholarship monies are paid directly to the recipient upon proof of enrollment, unless otherwise specified. The number of scholarships and their amounts will be determined by the Scholarship Committee, with the approval of the WPAAA Executive Board. Scholarship awards typically range from \$500 to \$1,000. The Committee reserves the right to alter or revoke scholarship award based on provided information.

Scholarship awards will be distributed according to the following criteria:

- **Students who have demonstrated the following qualities through their application, essay, and recommendations:**
 - Good character and promise
 - Outstanding leadership abilities
 - Academic performance
- **Timely submission of completed application packet.**
- **Timely submission of WPAAA Member Sponsorship Form.**
- **The application process may include an interview.**

Who Evaluates Scholarship Applications?

The Scholarship Committee will evaluate all applications ***postmarked*** on or before the **June 30, 2026** deadline, and award the number and amount of scholarships agreed upon by the Scholarship committee with the approval of the WPAAA Executive Board.

All applications and related material become the property of WPAAA.

Applications and information about applicants will be held in strict confidence by the Scholarship Committee and the WPAAA Executive Board.

The decision of WPAAA regarding scholarship awards is **final** and is not subject to appeal.

How Do I Apply?

Qualified students must complete a WPAAA Scholarship Application and return it with necessary supporting documents to the WPAAA Scholarship Committee on or before the deadline listed on the application. Application materials may also be downloaded at WWW.WPAAAONE.com.

Please mail all application materials to:

**Water and Power African American Association
Scholarship Committee
c/o Cher Roberts
P.O. Box 531384
Los Angeles, California 90053**

Scholarship Application Checklist

The following documents must be mailed (no facsimile or email transmissions) to the Scholarship Committee, and must be postmarked by **June 30, 2026**:

1. **Completed and signed** Water and Power African American Association Scholarship Application.
2. A **typed statement (300 word minimum)**, (see formatting instructions below, highlighted in yellow) describing your educational plans, future goals, areas of interest, and why you should be awarded a WPAAA scholarship. (*AI use, will result in disqualification*)
3. A **typed essay (500 word minimum)**, adhering to the essay requirements at the bottom of this page. (*AI use, will result in disqualification*)
4. **Two signed letters of recommendation** from teachers, counselors, or school leaders. They must have knowledge of your character, abilities, community service, leadership skills, achievements, or school related activities. Must be on school letterhead, or include school contact information. Letters from others sources and/or not on letterhead, will not be accepted.
5. Most recent official school **transcripts, including cumulative GPA (sealed envelope), or emailed through Parchment (must be received by the deadline, order early)**.
6. **WPAAA Sponsor Statement Form** – **Sponsor** must sign, complete, and email form directly to Scholarship Committee by deadline date of **June 30, 2026**.

Essay Requirements

Please select one of the prompts below. Must be, 500 word minimum, single sided, 1.5 spacing, name in upper right corner, page number bottom center, and word count on last page. Be sure to include the essay number, and topic in the title. Address one of the following topics in your essay:

- ❖ 1. With the current political climate attacking voting rights and rolling back major achievements of the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Movement, how will your academic goals position you to succeed in a hostile environment and empower you to support your community and the ideals of democracy and equal rights for all?
- ❖ 2. Describe a tradition, story, or cultural practice passed down in your family that reflects the strength of African American heritage. How does this legacy inspire your commitment to uplift, preserve, or empower your community?

NOTE: Each student is responsible for ensuring that a complete application packet is received by the WPAAA Scholarship Committee by the deadline.

Scholarship Application

Personal Data

Full Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Contact Phone # _____ Email Address _____
Name of Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Contact Phone _____

Names & telephone numbers of those submitting letters of recommendation, indicate their relation to you:

Name _____ Tel. # _____ Relation _____
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Community Service/Extracurricular Activities (Only include last 4 years, you may add additional pages if necessary)

Service/Organization/Activity	Office(s) Held/Comments	Length of service

Educational Data

Current School (or last school attended) _____
Location _____
Current Grade or Class Level _____ **Unweighted GPA** _____
College/University You Will Attend _____
Location _____
Class Level for Fall 2026 (check one): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior
Major _____ Minor _____

Sponsor's Name _____ **Sponsor's Daytime Telephone #** _____
(Sponsor must email Sponsor Statement Form to the WPAAA Scholarship Committee at: wpaaa.scholarshipinbox@gmail.com)

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

APPLICATIONS MUST BE U.S. POSTMARKED BY:

June 30, 2026