



African American Celebration Committee 2026 Scholarship Fund Criteria

The African American Celebration Committee (AACC) is an organization highlighting valuable contributions of African Americans through our culture and heritage by preserving our history and legacy, while educating and unifying our diverse society. Our vision is to inspire a world that builds a tradition of educating and celebrating African Americans through culturally enriched events in our community, that will positively build a country worthy of boundless promise.

Purpose: The African American Celebration Committee (AACC) awards scholarships to college-bound high school seniors based on demonstrated academic achievement, financial need, and an express interest in pursuing a higher-level education. We hope to increase the retention and graduation rates by assisting in the success of academically promising student leaders. Through academic, personal/social experiences and involvement in the greater community, these students will positively impact their college campuses and be better prepared to compete in our global society.

Criteria: Scholarships will be awarded on an annual basis and disbursed directly to the applicant. Students must continue to attend high school classes and maintain no lower than a 3.0 GPA or equivalent. The students eligible for assistance must be graduating high school seniors who reside in Harrison County and intend to continue their education at an accredited college or university. Consideration will be given to academic accredited schools only & will be given based on academic achievement, financial need and the student's community service record. Students should submit a scholarship application on the form provided by the AACC.

Applicant must submit the following items with the scholarship application.

- Applicant must attach 3 letters of reference from a person that is not a family member (i.e., Pastor, adult advisor of civic/social organization, principal/teacher, etc.) explaining why they think you deserve this scholarship. Note: letter should be personal and should highlight your contributions and accomplishments. NO COMPUTER-GENERATED SIGNATURES will be accepted! The letter must contain an original signature on each letter AND the letter must be submitted on letterhead or it WILL NOT be accepted.
- Proof of at least 50 completed community service hours, signed by an authorized representative of the organization. *For assistance in completing community service hours, please contact Vickie Jackson at 903.930.0308. The AACC always welcomes volunteers.*
- Professional head shot photograph, or a senior photograph must be submitted. ONLY 1 photograph is needed.
- A sealed and official current transcript from your high school.
- A student biography which highlights your academic accomplishments and explains your personal and future goals for life and your education. In addition, please explain why we should consider you as the recipient of the scholarship.

Please adhere to the deadline and include ALL required attachments with your application. **Note: Any missing items not submitted with your application will be subject to a NON-ACCEPTANCE for the scholarship you are seeking! There will be NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Deadline: The application, essay, and ALL required attachments must be submitted and received (NOT POSTMARKED), no later than 12:00 midnight, **Friday, April 10, 2026**. Please use the following correspondence address: African American Celebration Committee P. O. Box 369 Marshall, TX 75671

Amount: Each scholarship awarded will be a minimum of \$500 annually. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Vickie Jackson (903.903.0308) or Stacy Adams at africanamericancelebration@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Vickie Jackson

Vickie Jackson, Scholarship Chairperson