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Dear Scholarship Counselor and Community Partners:

The National Advancement for the Association of Colored People (NAACP) is one of the oldest civil rights organizations. The Riverside Branch is over 70 years old and serves the jurisdiction of Riverside, Corona, Palm Springs, Jurupa Valley and Moreno Valley.

One of the goals of **NAACP Riverside Branch #1059** is to empower African American communities through education, financial literacy and advocacy against racial discrimination... NAACP Riverside Branch is proud to announce the partnership with the Southern California Gas Company (a *Sempra Energy Utility company*) to offer scholarships to scholars with studies in the STEM fields.

Enclosed is an application for the **Waudieur Rucker-Hughes STEM Scholarship Program**. This scholarship (**in the amount of \$5,000**) is open to African American high school seniors in the STEM field, to attend a four-year college or currently enrolled in a university. The completed application package must be postmarked ***no later than March 1, 2021***.

Mail the completed application package to:

**NAACP Riverside Branch #1059**  
**Attention: Scholarship Committee**  
P.O. Box 55131  
Riverside, CA 92517-0131

**Scholarship Criteria:**

1. Must be able to show financial need (low income or disadvantaged)
2. Students should be studying STEM field majors (\*majors)
3. Must have at least a 3.0 GPA or provide reason for lower GPA
4. Ensure scholarships are given to students who live within SoCalGas service territory
5. Student should be enrolled as a full-time student
6. Scholarships only be awarded to student attending 4-year college/university

If you have any questions, please contact Scholarship Chair, Natasha Ferguson at (951) 662-8780.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Regina Patton Stell*  
Branch President



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## Scholarship Applicant's Checklist

- Graduating High School Senior
- 3.0 minimum G.P.A
- Official sealed transcript
- Completed application
- Two **signed** letters of recommendation on letter head; specifically from the following:
  - One recommendation from a school official (i.e., principal, teacher, or counselor)
  - One recommendation from a community leader (i.e., church, organization, not related to you)
- Two typed 350-500 word essays:
  - An autobiography that highlights your need for financial assistance, your achievements, challenges, as well as academic and personal aspirations for the future.
- Headshot picture
- Contact Information
- Finalists must attend a virtual interview
- Finalists must attend a Virtual Culmination Event (*date tba*)
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- Intent to pursue a degree from an accredited four-year College or University.

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Application packages with a postmark later than March 1, 2021, **will not** be reviewed.



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## Personal Information

**\*All information submitted becomes property of NAACP Riverside Branch #1059**

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|--------------------------|--|------------------------|--|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Last Name                |  | First Name             |  | MI            |                          | DOB                          |  |
| Address                  |  |                        |  |               |                          |                              |  |
| City                     |  | State                  |  | Zip Code      |                          |                              |  |
| Phone                    |  | Email                  |  |               |                          |                              |  |
| School Name              |  |                        | School Telephone                                     |               |                          |                              |  |
| School Contact Person    |  | Direct Phone # or ext. |  |               | Expected Graduation Date |                              |  |
| SAT Score                |  | ACT Score              |  | Rank in Class |                          | Total # of students in class |  |
| Parent's/Guardian's Name |  |                        | Best Telephone Number(s) to Reach Parent or Guardian |               |                          |                              |  |

Describe the extracurricular activities you participated in during High School. Please include community service activities, sports, employment and other projects/programs. Feel free to use additional paper to describe your accomplishments.

|                        |                        | Academic Honors and Awards | Extracurricular Activities (Community Service, Sports, Artistic talents) | Employment Or Internships |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade |                            |  |                           |
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| 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade |                        |                            |  |                           |
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### The completion of an Essay is required for consideration for the Scholarship

Write a 350 – 500 word essay on a separate sheet of paper. Your essays must be typed in 12 point font, double-spaced, and with one-inch margins. You will be judged on content, originality, grammar, spelling, and your ability to follow directions. You are welcome to seek assistance to develop a well-written essay.

#### Essay: Autobiography

An autobiography that highlights your need for financial assistance, your achievements, challenges, as well as academic and personal aspirations for the future.

Please submit a completed application package including:

- Official sealed transcripts
- Headshot picture
- A typed essay that meets the criteria listed above
- Two **signed** letters of recommendations on letterhead (*one from a school official and one from a community leader*)

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## Contact Information

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Mobile #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Mobile #: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear NAACP Riverside Branch Scholarship Committee,

I, (applicant name) \_\_\_\_\_, understand that if I am selected as a scholarship recipient, my parent/guardian and I **must** attend a virtual interview .

**I must attend the Virtual Culmination Ceremony \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ My scholarship will be forfeited if I cannot attend the Culmination.**

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian of Scholarship Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_