NAACP®
Monterey County Branch

2026 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
(Circle One)

FRANCIS W. MONROE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
(4 Year College/University)

VERNA WOOLFOLK-SLOAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
(Monterey Peninsula College)

ELIGIBILITY
This application is to be used for graduating high school seniors who reside in Monterey County and who will be attending a two-year or four-year accredited college or university OR a graduate student enrolled in a Teacher Credential Program*.

ALL applicants MUST:

- Have a grade point average of 3.0 or above.
- Be enrolled full-time and maintain 12 or more units in the Fall semester.
- Be involved in community service projects or activities.
- Disclose financial need.

*Priority will be given to NAACP youth whose parents or legal guardians are members of the NAACP.

REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship applications open on December 1, 2025 and close April 15, 2026 at 11:59 P.M.

 NO INCOMPLETE or LATE applications will be accepted.

This application can be submitted online at https://montereynaacp.org/naacp-2026-scholarship/ or printed and mailed to

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P.O. Box 782

Seaside, CA 93955

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Requirements:

- Provide an official transcript of your high school or college work.
- Submit two letters of recommendation. Recommendations may be from a current or former teacher/counselor, your pastor, or a community leader.
- Before receiving your award, provide proof of acceptance to an accredited college or university

 Make sure you have circled which scholarship you are applying for.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name:

_____(*First, Last*)

Address: _____ *(Address Line 1)*

_____(Address Line 2):

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City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Telephone (Parent/Guardian & Student Cell): _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Email: _____

FAMILY & BACKGROUND

Full names and occupations of parent(s) and/or guardian(s):

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Number of household members & children (including yourself): _____

Are you the first in your family to attend a college/university? (If no, list names/colleges):

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Do you have a family member who is a member of the NAACP? _____

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ACADEMIC & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Present school and current GPA:

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College/University you plan to attend & intended major:

_____

List of awards, memberships, offices, or honors received:

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List any Activities or community service projects or activities:

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Briefly describe your educational and career goals:

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On a separate piece of paper complete the following:

- **500-word essay answering one question.**

- **200-word biography including your philosophy on the importance of education and what led you to select your major**

- **A financial statement that includes any financial circumstances that exist in your family which will explain your financial need, include any financial sources you may obtain to assist you in completing your college goals.**

- **Special circumstances that include a brief statement that you would like the Selection Committee to know concerning your scholarship application)i.e. Disabilities, special needs, foster care, first in your family to attend college, etc.)**

Please select one of the following questions to compose a 500-word essay.

1. What would you want to be different in your own country or community to further principles of equality, equity, or social justice?
2. If you could live your life fighting for one cause, what would it be and why?
3. Describe a time when you were challenged by a perspective that differed from your own. How did you respond?
4. Reflect on a time when you or someone you observed had to make a choice about whether to act with integrity and honesty.

Three Additional Requirements
- **Make sure you have identified which scholarship (Monroe or Woolfolk-Sloan)**
- **Provide an official transcript of your high school or college work**
- **Submit two letters of recommendation.**
- **Provide proof of acceptance to an accredited college or university**

Send all materials mail to:

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Send questions to the attention of the Scholarship Committee

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