

**2022 Columbia African
American Association
Memorial Scholarship Application**



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Dear Scholarship Applicant,

The Columbia African American Association (CAAA) is committed to the development of America's youth; specifically targeting African American students living in the Columbia, Missouri area. Our children are the future leaders of America and we accept the challenge and responsibility of preparing them for success. Our top priority is to cultivate and develop **responsible citizens and leaders**.

CAAA has established a scholarship fund to assist talented young African Americans in their pursuit of higher education (college, university, technical, trade and vocational schools). The CAAA Memorial Scholarship Fund will be presented in honor of former Columbia African American high school students who are now deceased. Applicants must meet strict eligibility requirements and deadlines to qualify. Children, relatives and friends of CAAA members are eligible to compete for the scholarship, however they must adhere to the same strict requirements.

Individuals applying for the CAAA Memorial Scholarship Fund must complete the entire application packet and submit to:

Columbia African American Association (CAAA)
ATTN: CAAA Memorial Scholarship Fund
C/O Vanessa Haywood: app@GoCTripleA.com

This is the OFFICIAL 2022 CAAA Scholarship Application. Applications received that do not meet all FOUR (4) eligibility requirements will not be considered.

This application is intended to provide general information about the applicant and give the scholarship committee a glimpse into your personality; your academic and personal successes; and your future goals/ambitions. Our scholarship committee will review and score all applications and announce the winners in March during CAAA's annual scholarship program. Incomplete application packages, those application packets not following submission guidelines or applications received after the deadline **WILL NOT** be considered.

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicant must be African American.
2. Applicant must possess/maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5 (cumulative).
3. Applicant must attend high school in Columbia, Mo.
4. Applicant must submit complete **2022** application packet in **PDF** format (no photographs or JPEGs) **ELECTRONICALLY (via email) NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2022 (see below)**.

Application packet MUST include all sections:

- Section A: General Information
- Section B: Student Profile
- Section C: Written Essay
- Section D: Official Academic Transcript
- Section E: One Letter of Recommendation
- Section F: Disclaimer Form

CAAA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Section A – General Information

1. _____
Applicant's Name

2. _____
Home Address

3. _____
Telephone Number

4. _____
Date of Birth

5. Gender: Male _____ Female _____

6. High school attended _____

7. Graduation date _____

8. _____
Guidance Counselor or Teacher Name

9. Counselor or Teacher Telephone Number _____

10. Current grade point average (GPA) _____

11. ACT SCORE _____ DATE _____

12. SAT SCORE _____ DATE _____

13. What college, university, technical, trade or vocational school are you planning to attend (include address)?

14. Have you been accepted by the school or institute indicated above? Yes ___ No ___

15. If you have not been accepted, to what schools or institutes have you applied?

16. I will enroll in an accredited school or institute by Fall 2022. Yes ___ No ___

If answer is "No", please indicate your plans? _____

17. _____

Name of Parents / Guardian

18. Number of children in family _____ 19. Age _____

20. Legacy Criteria

Is one of your parents or grandparents an alumni (graduate) of Battle, Douglass, Hickman, or Rock Bridge High Schools? Yes or No If yes, complete the following information:

20a. _____

Name (include maiden name)

20b. Relationship to student _____

20c. High School attended _____ 20d. Year graduated _____

21. Identify other scholarships received; provide name, amount and donor organization

Section B - Attach Student Profile

Type and submit section B, student profile on a separate word document, and include it in the application package labeled Section B – Student profile. Answer all of the following questions as they make up the student profile.

1. What are your post high school and career aspirations and goals?
2. How will your career goals enable you to contribute to your community?
3. What high school organizations and activities did you participate in, and what leadership positions did you hold?
4. What awards and honors (academic, athletic, leadership etc..) have you received?
5. How did you support or volunteer in the community?
6. Identify training, experience, skills, and major accomplishments not covered above.
7. Explain major hardship or difficulties you've experienced in your life and how you've overcome them. What did facing and reacting to these hardships reveal about you?
8. Why should you receive the Columbia African American Association Scholarship?

Section C – Attach Written Essay

Write a **TYPED** 500-word essay on one of the following 2022 Essay topics:

- The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
- Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
- What plan or solutions would you suggest to city officials and community leaders to address the gun violence that plagues our city? How would you communicate and solicit support for your plan/solutions? Why do you feel your solution plan would work?
- How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected your life?

In addition to spelling, punctuation and grammar, essay will be graded on:

- **Content:** Does the content and overall message of the essay reflect the designated topic?
- **Creativity:** Is the writing creative, fresh, and innovative?
- **Clarity:** Is the essay easily understood and written with clarity?

Section D – Attach Official Academic Transcript

Section E – Attach Recommendation Letter

Section F – Complete Attached Disclaimer Form located below

Direct questions and concerns to point of contact listed below:

Vanessa (Brown) Haywood
Interim Education Coordinator
CAAA Memorial Scholarship Fund
Hickman High School Alumni, "Class of 1979" Telephone: (816) 646-8871
Email: VHaywood@GoCTripleA.com
Website: GoCTripleA.com

Section F — Disclaimer Form

Complete disclaimer information below:

I give permission to the Columbia African American Association Scholarship to use my name and photos in future CAAA publications (letters, web site, etc.). The parent/guardian signature is only required if student is 17 or younger.

APPLICANT'S NAME

DATE

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

DATE