

**NAACP Pickens County Branch**  
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## **2026 – 2027 Academic Year Book Award Application**

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Must exhibit the following characteristics: reputable character, a high ideal of conduct, and leadership ability. Criteria for the book award include academic excellence, school activities participation, and community involvement.
- Must be a graduating Pickens County Senior with a 2.5 GPA average, or better.
- Must have applied and been accepted to an institution of higher education.
- Must be a registered voter if eligible.
- Must be a member of the Pickens County NAACP Branch Youth Council (see [www.pickensnaacp.com](http://www.pickensnaacp.com) for membership application cost of \$10.00).

A student can only receive one of the following book awards of \$300.00.

- Austin-Blake Secretary Book Award  
In Memory of the late Tonya Austin and the late Martha D. Blake
- Presidential Book Award  
In Honor of President Shelia D. Crawford
- Freedom Fund Book Award  
In Memory of the late Mae D. Anderson
- Community Service Book Award  
In Memory of Julius C. Brown and Honor of Thomas Wright, Sr.
- Education Book Award  
In Honor of Eddie and the late Mabel Wynn
- Shirley Benson Visual Arts Book Award  
In Honor of Shirley Benson of Elmhurst, New York

### **SPECIFIC GUIDELINES**

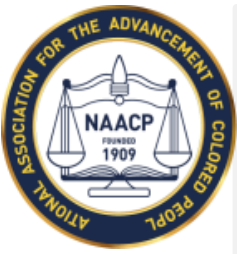
#### **APPLICANT MUST:**

- 1) Submit a COMPLETED Application
- 2) Submit an official copy of the applicant's enrollment in an institution of higher education.
- 3) Submit a one-page essay explaining how you will use your education to make society better.
- 4) Submit one (1) letter of recommendation from either the principal, guidance counselor, teacher, your pastor, or a community leader.
- 5) Submit proof of voter registration if you are eligible. You can register @ [www.scvotes.gov](http://www.scvotes.gov)

**APPLICATION PACKET must be completed, postmarked, and submitted by April 10, 2026**

**To: NAACP Pickens County Branch Education Committee, PO Box 772, Easley, SC 29641**

**Awards will be awarded by April 17, 2026**  
**Adequate postage must be applied to ensure delivery.**



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**1: PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Full name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Present home address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. EDUCATION:**

a. College(s) Accepted to: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**(optional):** Major: \_\_\_\_\_

**(optional):** Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

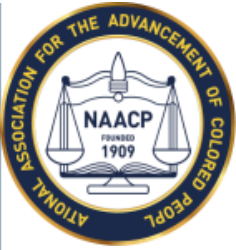
**3. ACADEMIC, ATHLETIC, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND  
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

List of academic awards and achievements

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List of participation in athletic & extra-curricular activities

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List participation in church & community service

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4. **TRANSCRIPT HISTORY:**  
Provide proof of official GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**I do state that the above information is accurate.**

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**Applicant Signature**

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**Print Applicant Name**

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