

# THE WATER & POWER AFRICAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION



*“We Promote African American Achievement”*

## Scholarship Application Packets

### AVAILABLE NOW!

The **2024 WPAAA Scholarship Application Packet** is ready! The packet contains the application, eligibility requirements and the guidelines for submitting an application.

The deadline for submitting Scholarship Applications this year is **June 28, 2024**. All documents must be **postmarked** by this date in order to be eligible for consideration for this year’s scholarships. Documents must be mailed. Hand-delivered documents will not be accepted.

WPAAA members can sponsor two applicants per scholarship period. Please encourage graduating high school students or currently enrolled undergraduate college students to apply for this scholarship. WPAAA looks forward to providing monetary assistance to community-minded students in active pursuit of higher education. Sponsor forms should be emailed to [wpaaa.scholarshipinbox@gmail.com](mailto:wpaaa.scholarshipinbox@gmail.com). Sponsors will be contacted to assist in the application process if necessary.

The application may also be downloaded from [www.WPAAAONE.com](http://www.WPAAAONE.com).

If you need more information regarding the scholarship program, you may contact any of the following WPAAA Members:

**Cher Roberts, WPAAA Scholarship Chair (213) 841- 4698**

**Sabrina Saucer, WPAAA President**

**Kimberly Smith, WPAAA Scholarship Committee (Board Member)**

**Felecha Chandler , WPAAA Scholarship Committee (Board Member)**

**Patrice King, WPAAA Scholarship Committee**

**Angela Perry, WPAAA Scholarship Committee**

**Linda Meeks, WPAAA Scholarship Committee**

**India Parks, WPAAA Scholarship Committee**

**Colette Thomas, WPAAA Scholarship Committee**

**Vernice Taylor, WPAAA Scholarship Committee**

**Ericka Ransom, WPAAA Scholarship Committee**

*We are proud to support our youth in achieving their academic goals*



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**WPAAA SCHOLARSHIP SPONSOR STATEMENT**

(Submit by email on or before **June 28, 2024**)

APPLICANT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Example: parent, neighbor, church member, etc....)*

BRIEFLY EXPLAIN WHY YOU BELIEVE THIS STUDENT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR THE WPAAA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD. INCLUDE STATEMENTS REGARDING PERSONAL CHARACTER/INTEGRITY ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS, FINANCIAL NEED AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS. (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY).

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SPONSOR SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
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**ATTENTION SPONSOR**  
Submit this form by Email to: [wpaaa.scholarshipinbox@gmail.com](mailto:wpaaa.scholarshipinbox@gmail.com)  
**ON OR BEFORE June 28, 2024**  
**\* Do Not Give To Student \***

# Water and Power African American Association 2024 Scholarship Guidelines

## *Who Can Apply?*

- **Applicants must meet one of the classifications noted below:**
  - **High School seniors** who will be attending an approved accredited institution during the academic year immediately following the scholarship award (Fall 2024). Eligible institutions include two or four-year colleges, universities, or trade schools.
  - **High School graduates** who will be attending an approved accredited institution during the academic year immediately following the scholarship award (Fall 2024). Eligible institutions include two or four-year colleges, universities, or trade schools.
  - **Currently enrolled undergraduate students** attending an approved school. These students must also be enrolled in an approved accredited institution during the academic year immediately following the scholarship award (Fall 2024). Eligible institutions include two or four-year colleges, universities, or trade schools.
- Students must be enrolled on at least a 3/4-time basis. (This is equivalent to at least nine units on a semester or quarter system). **Enrichment workshops will not be considered for this program.**
- Applicants must be of African American Heritage.
- Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above.
- Each applicant must be sponsored by a WPAAA member. Each WPAAA member can sponsor a maximum of two (2) applicants per year.
  - Sponsor must be an established WPAAA member 90 days prior to the scholarship application deadline.
  - Sponsor must **email** a "**Sponsor Statement Form**" for each student.
  - Each WPAAA member can sponsor a maximum of two (2) applicants per year.
  - If applicant's parent is a DWP employee, parent must be an established WPAAA member 90 days prior to the scholarship application deadline.

## *When And How Are Scholarships Awarded?*

Scholarships are awarded annually. All scholarship monies are paid directly to the recipient upon proof of enrollment, unless otherwise specified. The number of scholarships and their amounts will be determined by the Scholarship Committee, with the approval of the WPAAA Executive Board. Scholarship awards typically range from \$400 to \$1,000. The Committee reserves the right to alter or revoke scholarship award based on provided information.

**Scholarship awards will be distributed according to the following criteria:**

- **Students who have demonstrated the following qualities through their application, essay, and recommendations:**
  - Good character and promise
  - Outstanding leadership abilities
  - Academic performance
- **Timely submission of completed application packet.**
- **Timely submission of WPAAA Member Sponsorship Form.**
- **The application process may include an interview.**

## *Who Evaluates Scholarship Applications?*

The Scholarship Committee will evaluate all applications **postmarked** on or before the **June 28, 2024** deadline, and award the number and amount of scholarships agreed upon by the Scholarship committee with the approval of the WPAAA Executive Board.

All applications and related material become the property of WPAAA.

Applications and information about applicants will be held in strict confidence by the Scholarship Committee and the WPAAA Executive Board.

The decision of WPAAA regarding scholarship awards is **final** and is not subject to appeal.

### *How Do I Apply?*

**Qualified students must complete a WPAAA Scholarship Application and return it with necessary supporting documents to the WPAAA Scholarship Committee on or before the deadline listed on the application. Application materials may also be downloaded at [WWW.WPAAAONE.com](http://WWW.WPAAAONE.com).**

Please mail all application materials to:

**Water and Power African American Association  
Scholarship Committee  
c/o Cher Roberts  
P.O. Box 531384  
Los Angeles, California 90053**

# Scholarship Application Checklist

The following documents must be mailed (no facsimile or email transmissions) to the Scholarship Committee, and must be postmarked by **June 28, 2024**:

1. **Completed and signed** Water and Power African American Association Scholarship **Application**.
2. A **one to two page typed statement** describing your educational plans, future goals, areas of interest, and why you should be awarded a WPAAA scholarship.
3. A **typed essay** of one to two pages (double-spaced) adhering to the essay requirements at the bottom of this page.
4. **Two signed letters of recommendation** from teachers, counselors, or school leaders. These persons must have knowledge of your character, abilities, community service, leadership skills, achievements, or school related activities. Must be on school letterhead, or include school contact information. Letters from others sources will not be accepted.
5. Most recent official school **transcripts, including cumulative GPA** (sealed envelope).
6. **WPAAA Sponsor Statement Form** – **Sponsor** must sign, complete, and email form directly to Scholarship Committee by deadline date of **June 28, 2024**.

## Essay Requirements

An essay of one to two typewritten, double spaced pages are required to complete your application. **Be sure to include the essay number, and topic you choose in the title of your essay.** Please address one of the following topics in your essay:

- ❖ 1. What is the impact of Representation in Media, address the importance of diverse representation in media and its effects on shaping societal perceptions and individual aspirations within the African American community. How can increased representation contribute to breaking stereotypes and promoting inclusivity? Provide examples from your own experiences or observations to support your argument.
- ❖ 2. What innovative solution would you propose to address a pressing issue in your local community, and how would you implement it to create a positive change? Provide examples from your own experiences or observations to support your argument.

**NOTE:** Each student is responsible for ensuring that a complete application packet is received by the WPAAA Scholarship Committee by the deadline.

If you are not sure that your complete packet has been received by the scholarship committee, you may call **Cher Roberts** at **(213) 841-4698**.

# Scholarship Application

## Personal Data

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Names & telephone numbers of those submitting letters of recommendation, indicate their relation to you:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_

**Community Service/Extracurricular Activities** (You may add additional pages if necessary)

Service/Organization/Activity	Office(s) Held/Comments	Length of service

## Educational Data

Current School (or last school attended) \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade or Class Level \_\_\_\_\_ **Cumulative GPA** \_\_\_\_\_

College/University You Will Attend \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Class Level for Fall 2024 (check one):  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sponsor's Daytime Telephone #** \_\_\_\_\_

(Sponsor must email Sponsor Statement Form to the WPAAA Scholarship Committee at: [wpaaa.scholarshipinbox@gmail.com](mailto:wpaaa.scholarshipinbox@gmail.com) )

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE U.S. POSTMARKED BY:**

**June 28, 2024**