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**Cobb County NAACP/Deane Thompson Bonner
Empowerment Scholarship**

Deane Thompson Bonner, Cobb County NAACP President Emeritus

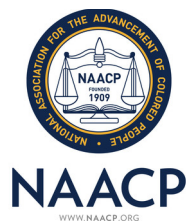


**A Community Activist
Equality. Fairness. Justice. Service.**

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has been the premier Civil Rights Organization in this country. With a strong focus on accomplishing the mission of The National NAACP, The Cobb County NAACP has been recognized as a leading Branch by National. The Cobb County NAACP leadership has had excellent leaders such as Dover Ferrell, Essie Denemore, Reverend R. L. Johnson, and Deane Thompson Bonner. Following the path of dynamic presidents in The Cobb County NAACP, Deane Thompson Bonner became President of The Cobb County NAACP in 1997. Bonner has been at the forefront of civil rights and the face for freedom fighters throughout Cobb County and for Georgia. Under President Bonner's powerful leadership, The Cobb County NAACP developed a myriad of community-based programs: ACT-SO (Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics), a program which highlights students outstanding performances in academics and the arts; Voter Registration Drives; A Three Year Advocacy for the promotion of Individuals in Public Service. Mrs. Bonner advocated for a MLK Holiday/Celebration in all of the 6 Cobb County Cities and she advocated for minority representation in Cobb County Government. In addition, she successfully advocated and helped to secure the release of John McNeil (2013), a Black man who was convicted of shooting a white man. She implemented a Juneteenth Celebration on the Marietta Square that currently draws over 50,000 people. Deane Thompson Bonner's leadership has left a legacy for Justice and Equality. Bonner says, "Young folks will make changes and are ready to lead".



The Cobb County NAACP/Deane Thompson Bonner Empowerment Scholarship honors the legacy of The Cobb County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Deane Thompson Bonner through a selective scholarship process for graduating high school seniors who display signs of commitment to public service and community engagement. Each year The Cobb County NAACP will provide annual non-renewable scholarships to qualified applicants. The Cobb County NAACP/Deane Thompson Bonner Empowerment Scholarship will award (8) \$1,000.00 scholarships in 2023. Recipients must complete the application process by the scholarship application deadline Friday, March 24, 2023. Recipients will be awarded scholarships for the Fall Term 2023 pending proof of enrollment.



Cobb County NAACP/Deane Thompson Bonner Empowerment

Scholarship Application 2023

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is **Friday, March 24, 2023.**
(NO EXCEPTIONS)
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space
4. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you
5. You will be notified by phone or email **April 17, 2023**, regarding the status of your application

PURPOSE

The Cobb County NAACP/Deane Thompson Bonner Empowerment scholarship will provide financial assistance to individuals who will be enrolled in undergraduate study at community colleges, technical colleges or universities beginning the **Fall Term of 2023.**

CRITERIA

- Applicants must have attended high school in Cobb County
- Applicants must have completed high school successfully with a minimum unweighted GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Applicants must provide proof of acceptance as a full-time beginning student at a Historically Black College or University, technical college or a Cobb County postsecondary institution in the upcoming academic semester (Fall 2023)
- Scholarship recipients will receive their check for the **term only** after providing the Cobb County NAACP with proof of enrollment.
- Submit a Short-Essay (See Essay Requirements below)

TIMELINE

- Applications are due by Friday, March 24, 2023. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Applicants are notified if awarded a scholarship by Monday, April 17, 2023.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

- Completed application form
- Completed Essay: typed, double-spaced, no less than 250 words on the following topic:

"The mission of the NAACP is to achieve equity, political rights, and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination, and accelerate the well-being, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color." National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Essay Question: What can you do to help fulfill the mission of the NAACP?

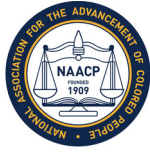
- Provide an official high school transcript in a sealed envelope from the institution
- Two references: one from a community leader, pastor, or guidance counselor **and** one from a teacher
- List of Extra Curricular Activities and Community Service Participation

Deadline for the application is Friday, March 24, 2023

Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered

Please mail completed applications to:

**Cobb County NAACP
P.O. Box 598
Marietta, GA 30061
Office: 770/425/5757**



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Scholarship Application 2023**

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____

Email Address: _____

High School: _____

Address: _____

I will attend the following school: Fall of 2023 as a Full-time Freshman

School: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 Scale)

Attach proof of GPA: your most recent official school transcript required

Name and Address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s)

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone/cell phone of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) _____

What specialty/major do you plan to major in as you continue your education?

List expenses you expect to incur per semester or quarter

Tuition Amount _____

Books Amount _____

Room & Board Amount _____

Other expenses Amount _____

Goals: What are the short- and long-term goals for your life?

Career Plans: What are your career plans and what would you like to be doing in 10 years?

List the following information on a separate sheet if needed:

School Extra-Curricular Activities: list school extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates

Organizations: list organizations you have participated in volunteered or provided service. Note leadership roles and dated

Recognitions: list important awards and recognitions received. Note organization(s) presenting honor and date

Circle "Yes" or "No" IF YOU INCLUDED YOUR REFERENCES: YES NO

Two references: one from a community leader, pastor, or guidance counselor **and** one from a teacher

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner for The Cobb County NAACP/Deane Thompson Bonner Empowerment Scholarship, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant

Date
