

## **Greater Nashua Area Branch NAACP**

# **Honorable Gloria J. Timmons High School Senior Scholarships Information**

The Greater Nashua Area Branch of the NAACP is proud to announce the renaming of its annual high school senior scholarships in memory of our first branch president, the Honorable Gloria J. Timmons. Her untimely passing on October 29, 2025, was deeply felt not only within the branch, but throughout Nashua and New Hampshire. In her name, we are proud to award several annual scholarships to high school seniors of color who will continue to post-secondary education. See details below and at <https://nashuanaacp.org/scholarships>.

### **Who is the Greater Nashua NAACP?**

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has a long history of supporting education for students who have historically been under-represented in post-secondary education. Making democracy work since 1908, 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.

The [Greater Nashua Area Branch of the NAACP](#) supports this tradition locally in southern New Hampshire by awarding one or more scholarships to deserving students who are residents of the 13 cities and towns that we serve. See further details at <http://nashuanaacp.org>.

Local individuals, organizations, and businesses contribute to the scholarship fund, recognizing the importance of investing in the post-secondary education of our youth. This investment is important not only for educational and financial reasons, but also for the social, cultural, political, and economic equality of all.

### **Who was the Honorable Gloria Timmons?**

As a founding member of the Greater Nashua Area Branch NAACP in 2007, Gloria Timmons served for several years as President and remained actively involved as Chair of the Membership Committee. In 2024 she was honored with our Lifetime Community Service Award in recognition of her extraordinary dedication and leadership.

Gloria's record of service to the community was both impressive and enduring. A resident of Nashua since 1990, she served as Nashua Alderwoman-at-Large at the time of her passing. Previously, she was a member of the Nashua Board of Education. Her distinguished public service career also included 22 years as an active-duty member of the United States Army. Following her military service, she served as Assistant Director of the New Hampshire Employment Security office until her retirement.

Gloria was a steadfast champion of the underserved and a tireless advocate for education. She led by example through her active participation in numerous community organizations, including the Nashua Community Conversation on Race & Justice, the Nashua Lions Club, and many others. Her life embodied service above self, principled leadership, and an unwavering commitment to improving the lives of others.

In recognition of her legacy, dedication, and profound impact on our community, we are honored to dedicate this scholarship in the name of the Honorable Gloria J. Timmons, ensuring that her spirit of service and commitment to opportunity will continue to inspire future generations.

## What are the purposes of these scholarships?

**1. Encourage academic success:** Academic success, broadly defined, implies positive results in the student's program of study and persistence towards graduation. Academic success develops the skills and competencies that enable future success in the workplace and community. Students must be in good academic standing at their current institution to receive a scholarship.

**2. Encourage community activism:** The quality of life for members of a community is enhanced by active participation in the varied aspects of the community. The Greater Nashua Area NAACP is actively seeking to encourage and support these selected students during their young adult years, as they develop awareness and engagement in community issues.

**3. Provide financial support to eligible students:** Today, financing any post-secondary education can be challenging for most families and individuals. This scholarship is not intended to finance an education, but to make a small contribution to the many costs a student will incur.

## Who is eligible to apply for these scholarships?

Students must be current high school seniors of color who intend to enroll in a 2-year college, a 4-year college, a technical school, or a trade school. Scholarships are awarded for the upcoming academic year.

Students must live in any of the 13 cities and towns served by this Branch: Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Lyndeborough, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham, Wilton.

## What is each scholarship's value?

The Greater Nashua Area Branch NAACP intends to award multiple scholarships with a value between \$1,000 - \$1,500 each. This is not a renewable scholarship opportunity.

## How can students apply?

Students may apply for the Hon. Gloria J. Timmons Scholarships by submitting the following required documents to the Greater Nashua Area Branch NAACP Scholarship Committee, at [gnanaacp@gmail.com](mailto:gnanaacp@gmail.com):

1. **Application:** see details below and online at <http://www.nashuanaacp.com/scholarships>
2. **Written Essay OR Creative Works Portfolio:** see details below and online.
3. **Letter of Recommendation:** one letter is required, two letters are recommended, from an adult who can comment on the student's abilities, accomplishments, and/or interests relative to the purposes of this scholarship. See details below and online.

## Important dates

**April 7, 2026:** Completed scholarship application and all supporting materials must be received at [gnanaacp@gmail.com](mailto:gnanaacp@gmail.com) with student's name and email address on all materials and recommendations.

**April 21, 2026:** Notification of scholarship decisions will be emailed to the selected students by the Hon. Gloria J. Timmons Scholarship Committee.

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**Honorable Gloria J. Timmons High School Senior Scholarships  
Application**

1. Student full name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Race/ethnicity (select all that apply)

- Hispanic
- Native American/Alaska Native
- African American/Black
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Biracial/Multiracial
- White, not of Hispanic origin
- Other

3. Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

5. City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

7. High school(s) attended: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Dates of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

9. What post-secondary schools are you applying to for the upcoming academic year:

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10. Parent/guardian full name(s):

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11. Primary guardian's email address and phone number:

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12. Secondary guardian's email address and phone number (if applicable):

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Scholarship application also available online at <https://nashuanaacp.org/scholarships>

## Submission Materials

Students applying for the Hon. Gloria J. Timmons scholarship must select one of the following options:

### Option A - Written Essay

Write an essay responding to one of the two questions below. Essays should be 500-750 words, double spaced, and submitted in PDF format. Please include your name and email address.

1. Describe how volunteer or community service has shaped who you are today and what you have learned from it.
2. Describe who you are, what is important to you, and any challenges or obstacles you have dealt with and overcome. How will this help you succeed in your continued education?

### Option B - Creative Works Portfolio

Please submit a portfolio of 3-5 works that you have completed in the past two years. Eligible works include but are not limited to: paintings, sculptures, dramatic monologues, interpretive dances, creative writings, musical performances, etc. Please submit your works either as photos (.jpg), videos (MP4), or PDFs.

## Letter(s) of Recommendation

References should be written by an adult such as an employer, coach, advisor, or teacher, who knows you well but is not a relative. One letter of recommendation is required, two letters are recommended.

Letters must be submitted by April 7, 2026, and can be either an educational or general reference. Letter writers should email their letters to [gnanaacp@gmail.com](mailto:gnanaacp@gmail.com) independently of the student's application.

- 1) Letter writer's name (first letter is required) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Letter writer's name (second letter is optional) \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Signature

By signing below, I indicate that I have completed this application accurately and thoroughly. The information contained in this application and essay or portfolio is the product of my own independent work and thought, and without the use of artificial intelligence (AI).

\_\_\_\_\_, Date \_\_\_\_\_

All scholarship materials must be emailed to [gnanaacp@gmail.com](mailto:gnanaacp@gmail.com) by April 7, 2026. Include student name and email address on all documents, materials, and recommendations.

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