

NAACP GARY HAYMAN SCHOLARSHIP

NEWARK DELAWARE NAACP



2025 Deadline: May 30, 2025

This scholarship pays tribute to the remarkable legacy of Gary Wesley Hayman. A graduate of Newark High School in 1969, Gary excelled as a student, led three sports teams as captain, and earned recognition as an All-State selection. During his college years at Penn State University, he distinguished himself in football, topping the nation in punt return average, all while advocating passionately for social justice on campus. Following his time at Penn State, he went on to be drafted by the Buffalo Bills of the NFL, where he notably served as O.J. Simpson's backup. Returning to his roots, Gary dedicated over two decades as the President of the Newark Delaware NAACP, continuing the important fight for social justice in his hometown.

About the Scholarship

In recognition of its mission to promote social justice, equity, and inclusion, the Newark Delaware NAACP has established the Education Scholarship Program. The Program directly supports the Newark Delaware NAACP's goal of achieving greater educational equity and opportunity for all students.

Annually, the Newark Delaware NAACP will award scholarships to seniors graduating from schools in Greater Newark, Delaware.

Application Process

The Education Committee will solicit nominations of students from high schools within Greater Newark, Delaware and invite additional nominations from members of the Newark Delaware NAACP and community members. Students may apply directly for the scholarship.

The Education Committee will notify schools of the scholarship recipients, and students selected will be notified by the school. Scholarships will be awarded at or reasonably concurrent with the commencement ceremony for the school.

Eligibility Criteria

The criteria for a Newark Delaware NAACP Gary Hayman Scholarship will include the following, and it will be publicized and posted on the Newark NAACP website.

- The student must have a physical address of Newark, Delaware (i.e., zip codes 19702, 19711, or 19713) and graduate in the spring of the year of the award or be a recent graduate.
- The student must submit a letter of application describing her/his/their educational objectives and commitments to the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- The student must have a grade point average of 3.0 on a 4-point scale.
- The student must have a record of service to the community.
- The student must be nominated by or receive a supporting recommendation from a teacher, administrator, counselor, or a member of the Newark Delaware NAACP.

Additional Information

The amount of each scholarship will be determined annually by the Newark NAACP Executive Committee but will be no less than \$1,000. The scholarship funds are to be used by the awardee to support postsecondary education expenses, including tuition, fees, books, or related expenses. In addition to the monetary scholarship award, the awardee may have their first year NAACP membership subsidized by the Newark Delaware Branch NAACP.

Apply Online:

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