

**Connecticut Association of Diversity and Equity Professionals (formerly Connecticut Association
of Affirmative Action Professionals)
Announces the**

**MARY C. RAWLINS Scholarship Award
\$500 - \$1000**

General Information

This scholarship has been designated for high school students who are Connecticut residents in order to assist with educational expenses while encouraging them to stay in school.

Mary C. Rawlins, (1929-1995), was interested in improving the plight of all minorities. Mary is one of the founders of the Connecticut Association of Affirmative Action Professionals (CTAAAP) now entitled The Connecticut Association of Diversity and Equity Professionals and founder of the Connecticut Caucus On The Black Aged, Inc. In 1983, she was appointed by the Commissioner on Aging to serve on the State Department of Aging's Minority Advisory Committee. The American Association of Retired Persons selected Mary to serve as a volunteer spokesperson for its Minority Affairs Initiative in 1990. Her commitment to people in general involved her in such organizations as the Urban League, NAACP, and the National Council of Black Women for Political Action.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Senior high school students with a 2.5 (C+) or higher GPA at the end of the Fall 2020 semester.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must:

- **Complete the application. (a resume is not a substitute for the application)**
- **demonstrate acceptance/application(s) to an institution of higher learning.**
- **submit grades.**
- **submit one (1) letter of reference from a teacher/coach or school counselor.**
- **Respond in 100-200 words: "Please explain a challenge you have faced in your life, how it affected you or changed you, and what you did to overcome it."**
- **Student must write an essay of between 250-500 words on the following topic, "What is your understanding of affirmative action, and how has it benefited society?" If you feel that it has not benefited society, please discuss.**

To assist you in the preparation of your affirmative action essay, please refer to the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities website at www.ct.gov/chro

From the home screen click on "Affirmative Action" that is located in the left column, from there, click on "Affirmative Action Links", and then read, "Affirmative Action, What is it, and where did it come from?"

- **The essay must be typed or printed legibly.**
- ***ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER***

The above application material must be sent to:

CADEPScholarship@gmail.com and Received By **MARCH 19, 2021**

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship program, please contact CADEP at the above e-mail address.

Scholarship winners will be notified by **May 1, 2021.**

MARY C. RAWLINS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
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(FORMERLY CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROFESSIONALS)

STUDENT APPLICATION

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Telephone _____
(street address, city, and zip code please)

E-mail address _____

When do you plan to enter college? _____

What institution do you plan to attend? _____

Have you been accepted to this school? _____
Please include acceptance letter in your package.

If so, on what date were you accepted? _____ Major _____

What are your career goals?

Which high school are you currently attending? _____

Town _____ Class Rank _____

What school activities have you been involved in and the dates of involvement?

Dates involved:	School Activity:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Have you received any awards? If so, please list:

Award	Date Received	By whom given
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

What offices have you held?

Elected

Appointed

What are your hobbies or special interests?

Community involvement?

Respond in 100-200 words: Please explain a challenge you have faced in your life, how it affected you or changed you, and what you did to overcome it.

Essay: 250-500 words- What is your understanding of affirmative action, and how has it benefited society? (You may attach additional pages)

Signature

Date