



**BLACK AMERICAN POLITICAL ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA  
(BAPAC) SACRAMENTO CHAPTER**

**2022 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

BAPAC Sacramento Chapter, a nonprofit organization, is happy to announce the following three scholarships for high school seniors, returning adults, and transfer/college undergraduates in the greater Sacramento, CA region. The memorial fund scholarships are in honor of:

1). Mr. Percy Pinkney, 2). Dr. George D. King, and 3). Mr. James W. Sweeney.

Please see their attached profiles.

Applicants can apply for all **three** scholarships.

Students must meet the criteria of academic achievement, leadership and a 300-word essay. The scholarship awards of **\$500.00** each, will be distributed in the student's college financial account.

Applicants must have graduated from a high school within the Sacramento region by the end of the 2022 spring term. Applicants must demonstrate a record of service to the African American/Black community, along with a record of academic achievement and leadership. These awards are available to recent high school graduates, returning adults, and transfer/college undergraduate students. Evidence of admission to a higher institution or continuing enrollment status in a college/university must be provided prior to scholarship distribution.

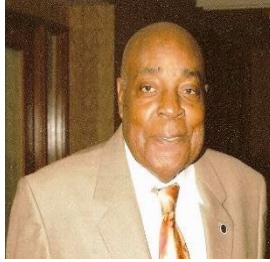
Applicants must complete and submit the attached form by US mail or email. Finalists maybe invited to an interview with the selection committee.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, April 25, 2022 (Midnight)**

**RETURN TO: BAPAC SACRAMENTO CHAPTER  
1017 L Street #104  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Attention: Scholarship Committee**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
Email: [bapacsacscholarship2022@gmail.com](mailto:bapacsacscholarship2022@gmail.com)  
or  
Call: (916) 212-9434**

## **Mr. Percy Pickney Memorial Scholarship**



Mr. Percy Pinkney was a prominent leader and a longstanding and influential political figure in California. He graduated from San Francisco State University in addition to completing a master's in social work from the University of San Francisco's Lone Mountain College. Mr. Percy was also a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Percy was the President and founding member of the Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC) and served as BAPAC's state president until his death. He founded BAPAC in 1979 and it has grown to 50 chapters around the state.

Mr. Pickney's political career began in 1975. He worked for Gov. Jerry Brown's community relations department and began in 1992 as a Senior Advisor for US Senator Diane Feinstein and retired in 2014. She stated, "It was an honor to be Percy's friend and she will miss him dearly."

The following California political leaders were speakers at Mr. Pickney's Celebrations of Life service: Former Governor Jerry Brown, Senator Dianne Feinstein, the former Speaker of the California Assembly, Willie Brown, and Alice Huffman, State President of the California NAACP.

Mr. Pickney passed away on March 18, 2016, at the age of 79, leaving a legacy of leadership and advocacy for African Americans participating in the political process.

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**2022 MR. PERCY PINKNEY  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**Please Print**

1. Date \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_

3. Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

4. Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

5. Email \_\_\_\_\_

6. High School \_\_\_\_\_

7. Year of High School Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

8. Name of Colleges/Universities to which you have applied/accepted:

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9. Admission Status: Admitted \_\_\_\_\_ Pending \_\_\_\_\_

If admitted, provide copy of admission letter.

If pending, indicate when you expect to be notified. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

**Provide GPA Verification on School/College Letterhead**

11. On two separate pages (attached to this form) submit a one-page introduction **including the following:** your interests, your community service, your leadership activities, and how the scholarship will help meet your academic needs.

On page 2, submit a **300-word typed essay answering the question, “Why should the Black Community be engaged in the Political Process?” Please include your name and date above the title of your essay. Format is 1-inch side margins, 12-pitch, Times New Roman font.**

Your signature below indicates that the information provided is accurate and complete.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Dr. George D. King Memorial Scholarship**



Dr. George Davis King was a prominent and influential leader in California. He earned his bachelors and master's degrees from Howard University and his PhD from Indiana University in 1963. He served in the military for 2 years and then worked in higher education for 20 years as a professor, department chair and consultant to a consortium of 31 HBCUs. He served as a principal consultant to numerous Speakers of the California State Assembly until retiring in 2012.

Dr. King was active in several community organizations including Chair of BAPAC-Sacramento Chapter and the NAACP.

Dr. King was honored by the California Legislative Black Caucus in 2017 as a Living Legend as the First California Legislative Black Caucus Consultant; by the California Association of African American Superintendents and Administrators in 2011 with a Lifetime Achievement Award; and presented The Eternal Flame Public Service Award by then Speaker of the CA Assembly Herb J. Wesson, Jr., 2004.

Dr. King was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He passed away on May 11, 2019, at the age of 88, leaving a legacy of political leadership and advocacy for social justice, diversity, equity and inclusion for the African American community.

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**2022 DR. GEORGE D. KING  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
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2. Name \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Year of High School Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Admission Status: Admitted \_\_\_\_\_ Pending \_\_\_\_\_

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On page 2, submit a **300-word typed essay answering the question, “Why is voter registration important to Black community and what steps can be undertaken to increase the numbers of registered voters?” Please include your name and date above the title of your essay. Format is 1-inch side margins, 12-pitch, Times New Roman font.**

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## Mr. James W. Sweeney Memorial Scholarship



James W. Sweeney was a prominent leader and community advocate in Sacramento and the Bay Area. He graduated with honors from UC Riverside and earned his Juris Doctorate degree from UC Davis, Humphrey's School of Law. He served on the Berkeley City Council for four years. During that tenure, he strongly advocated and voted for the renaming of Grove Street in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Grove Street had once represented the dividing line between neighborhoods where African Americans could not live or buy property. The street renaming was confirmed by the Berkeley City Council in 1984.

Mr. Sweeney had over forty years of experience working with governmental, educational, and political agencies. He was Director of Legislation with BAPAC (Black American Political Association of California); served as a Legislative Liaison with the California Office on Aging; Chaired, and was a 12-year board member of the New College Board of Trustees of San Francisco - allowing many full time workers a gateway to obtaining a college degree; served as Chief Lobbyist for California NAACP - played a major role in California's divestment of funds from Darfur; received two California Commissioner assignments: was appointed by three Governors for the COMIO (Council on Mentally Ill Offenders); and by Governor Gavin Newsom as a Community Equity Representative for the Cannabis Advisory Committee.

Mr. Sweeney was a member of the Camp Wilmont Sweeney advisory board, the Multi-agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, served on the City of Berkeley's Redevelopment Agency and Housing Authority, was Executive Director of the South Berkeley Community Development Corporation, and a Consultant at UC Berkeley, Communications and Transportation Division.

Mr. Sweeney was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. He passed away on February 27, 2020, at the age of 71, leaving a legacy of leadership, and advocacy for social justice, diversity, equity and inclusion for the African American community.

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**2022 MR. JAMES W. SWEENEY  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
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7. Year of High School Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

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On page 2, submit a **300-word typed essay answering the question, “Why should Black/African Americans run for elected offices and your idea to increase the number running for elected offices?”** **Please include your name and date above the title of your essay. Format is 1-inch side margins, 12-pitch, Times New Roman font.**

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