



NAUW Southwest Section
West Coast Cities Branch (WCCB)
2026 WCCB Julia Banks Williams Education Scholarship Criteria

The West Coast Cities Branch is offering Julia Banks Williams Education Scholarships for College/University Students. This scholarship will be awarded to two (2) students attending a four-year College or University.

Purpose: The Julia Banks Williams Scholarship awards scholarships to students interested in pursuing an undergraduate degree from a four-year college or university.

Amount: Each individual scholarship award will be a minimum of \$1000 (per academic year) not to exceed four years.

Award Criteria and Eligibility:

- applicant must be a citizen of United States.
- preferred consideration will be given to an applicant that has a financial need.
- GPA of 2.5* or higher. Some colleges may require a higher GPA.
- applicant must be accepted to a four-year college or university. Consideration will be given to at least one applicant attending an identified Historically Black College and University (HBCU).
- preferred consideration will be given to an applicant from NAUW WCCB local service areas (Carson, Long Beach, Gardena, and Compton).

Application Process: Submit a complete scholarship application which will include:

- a one-page, double spaced and typed response to the following questions: Why do you want to go to College? How will this scholarship help you? Describe how you plan to give back to the community that you will be serving after graduation?
- Provide an updated official copy of high school or community college transcript to verify GPA of 2.5 or higher.

The complete application, essay and supporting documents must be submitted by April 30th via email to haynesv_944@yahoo.com and epreston05@yahoo.com.

Selection and Notification Process:

- applications will be reviewed by West Coast Cities Branch Scholarship Committee.
- scholarship recipients will be notified of selection via email or phone by the 3rd Friday in May.
- scholarship recipients will be introduced to the WCCB during a Business meeting after the selection.

If selected for a scholarship:

- scholarship funds will be awarded upon verification of registration (full-time enrollment) to a four-year college or university.
- recipient must email a current full-time schedule of classes to haynesv_944@yahoo.com and epreston05@yahoo.com.
- scholarship proceeds will be sent directly to the recipient. Some HBCUs or Universities may allow direct payment to Scholarship Department or other specified departments.
- recipient may be asked to participate in a virtual zoom or in person WCCB Scholarship Event. If unable to attend, the event the recipient will provide a video presentation.
- a photo in a business attire is required.

The recipient will be required to maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA, provide proof of progress and a grade report for the year which the scholarship is awarded.