



**National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
San Luis Obispo County Branch**

Ashley Strong Memorial Scholarship for Social Justice

The NAACP is the nation's oldest, largest, and most widely recognized grassroots-based civil rights organization. The NAACP's main objective is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights and there is no racial hatred or racial discrimination. More than a half-million members and supporters throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, campaigning for equal opportunity and conducting voter mobilization.

Ashley Strong was a Cuesta College student and president of Cuesta's first Black Student Union. She also was an active SLO County NAACP member who was passionate about social justice. She was in the process of starting an NAACP chapter on the Cuesta College main campus. However, she was tragically killed in a car accident on October 22, 2018. Ms. Strong will be remembered for her drive to better her communities and strong work ethic.

The San Luis Obispo County NAACP chapter is honoring her legacy by offering scholarships for \$500 to each of two students currently involved in social justice activism and who also plan to continue to be advocates for social justice upon completion of college.

Requirements: You must:

- Be currently enrolled at Cuesta College.
- Have completed at least 6 credit units by the end of current semester.
- Possess a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Plan to attend Cuesta College for at least one additional semester.

You must submit:

- The attached *application*. Please answer all questions completely. Your responses are confidential.
- A *transcript* of your **completed college work**, showing courses, units and grades. This does **not** need to be an official transcript.
- Copy of your *current class schedule*.

Deadline: **FEBRUARY 1**

- Submit electronically by due date to:
naacpslocty@gmail.com AND education.naacpslo@gmail.com
Subject heading: *Ashley Strong Scholarship Committee*.

OR

- Hard copy postmarked by due date and mailed to:
NAACP San Luis Obispo County Branch
c/o Ashley Strong Scholarship Committee
110 S. Mary Ave. - Suite 2215
Nipomo CA. 93444

QUESTIONS? Contact education.naacpslo@gmail.com, subject heading: *Ashley Strong Scholarship*.



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Ashley Strong Memorial Scholarship for Social Justice Application

Due by FEBRUARY 1

Instructions:

- Typed applications are preferred but not required.
- Follow directions on pg. 1 above.
- INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.
- Before submitting, have you included: a) this application, b) transcript, c) current class schedule and d) Photo Release Authorization form?

Personal Information:

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial):

Home Address:

Mailing Address (if different from home address)

Phone Number:

e-mail address:

Education information:

Number of Cuesta College units completed:

Number of college units currently taking:

Cumulative gpa:

Reference: Please provide information for two references who are familiar with you: #1: from Cuesta College (e.g., college advisor, professor, club advisor); #2: preferably a person you've served or worked with through volunteer or work experience. By including this information, you are giving us permission to contact a reference to confirm your eligibility and assess your qualifications for this award.

	Reference #1	Reference #2
Name		
E-mail address		
Telephone number		
How do you know this reference?		

Social Justice Essay: Answer the following questions. Maximum *500 words* for entire essay. (You may submit essay as separate Word or pdf file if desired. If handwriting this application, use back of this page if more space is needed).

Why is social justice important to you? How have you, in the past and present, been involved in the social justice movement? How do you plan to be an advocate for social justice after you graduate from college?

I hereby declare that all information provided above by me is accurate. I also accept that I may be required to show proof of enrollment during the term in which I receive the scholarship.

Date:

Signature:

Printed Name:

Photo Release Authorization:

If you are selected as a recipient, we would like to have the right to publish your photo. However, this is NOT a requirement and will NOT affect your eligibility.

Please place an X in space provided below for your chosen option:

I agree and authorize the NAACP San Luis Obispo Branch the right to use photographs of me. I further authorize NAACP SLO Branch to use such photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purposes such as publicity, illustration, advertising, web content, and/or social media.

I do not wish to have photos of me published for any purpose.

Date:

Signature:

Printed Name: