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Dear Educators, Community Leaders, Parents & Students,

The DuPage County NAACP is pleased to announce the 2018 Sydney Finley Memorial Scholarship essay competition. Sydney Finley, Jr. is known for his exemplary service to the NAACP as the regional director in the 1960's and the executive director of the Chicago Southside Branch for six years. The scholarship was established to honor his service and commitment to civil justice, as well as his dedication to our youth and community.

The scholarship is open to all high school seniors who are members of the DuPage County NAACP residing in DuPage, Kane, Kendall and Will counties. To participate, applicants and at least one parent/guardian must be a member of the DuPage County NAACP branch by February 5, 2018. The cost of membership is \$10 for youth and \$30 for adults. To join, students and one parent should click on to: www.dupagecountynaacp.org/membership.

The essay contest will be open from January 21 thru February 12, 2018!

To register and receive detailed information, high school seniors should click on the following link: https://tinyurl.com/y9gh4k7u

Scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$1000. The scholarship recipients will receive their award for the 2018-2019 academic year once college eligibility documents have been received. Individual award amounts will be based on the effectiveness of the student essays, academic performance and community service. Additionally, winners will be notified by February 19, 2018 and award certificates will be presented at the DuPage County NAACP Freedom Fund Gala on Sunday, February 25, 2018. Scholarship award winners will receive a complimentary ticket to the gala!

For more information about DuPage County NAACP, visit our website at <u>dupagecountynaacp.org</u> or please feel free to contact us at (630) 448-2220 or email us at <u>info@dupagecountynaacp.org</u>.

Blessings to you and your congregation,

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