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**Attention: High School Principals, Counselors, Pastors,
Social Fraternal Organizations**

The East St. Louis NAACP will host its 70th Freedom Fund Awards Banquet on Sunday, October 13, 2024, 4:30 pm at the Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel, 800 Washington Avenue -St. Louis, Missouri.

The Charles H. Lawson III Youth Award, a traditional feature of the banquet, will be awarded during the banquet. A first place (\$2000) and a second place (\$1500) award will be given to two high school graduating seniors whose selection is based on the following criteria: **community involvement; church involvement, scholastic achievement; membership and extra - curricular activities.**

Enclosed is an application for the award. Please duplicate and disseminate copies to interested high school seniors. The deadline for all entries and supportive documentation is Monday, September 30, 2024. Documentation **must be presented in a scrapbook.**

Please submit entries to the NAACP office, 1468 State Street, East St. Louis, IL. by 2:00 pm. on the due date., Monday, September 30, 2024. Attention: Ms. Lora Jones, Charles H. Lawson III, Awards Chairman. You may contact Mrs. Jones at 618-973-1038 or Mr. Andrew Bailey at 618-334-2868 for additional information.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Respectfully,

Lora Jones

Mrs. Lora Jones, Chairman

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