

January 22, 2026

Story County Board of Supervisors  
Attention: Linda Murken, Chair  
Nevada, IA 50201

Greetings Ms. Murken,

As we enter a new year, we know that the Ames Branch of the NAACP must continue to lead the work, ensuring that all community members can contribute and are valued. Now more than ever, **we must lead, listen, partner, provide tools and resources, and sponsor meaningful programming with community organizations and local governments.**

To ensure this work continues locally, we invite you to attend our 2026 Freedom Fund Banquet, which is scheduled for **Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Gateway Hotel. Registration and a social hour begin at 5:30 p.m., and the program and dinner begin at 6:30 p.m.**

The theme of our 2026 event is "Our Mission Continues..." highlights the ongoing importance of the NAACP's Enduring Commitments to issues such as Civil Rights, Social Justice, Health and Well-Being, and more. To help us continue to address the barriers to this critical work, this year we invite you to a unique Black History Month cultural experience. The Langston Hughes Players of Des Moines, as well as other regional artists, will deliver special performances, and the time will include the opportunity to connect with banquet attendees through guided, meaningful conversation. **We are excited about what this creative cultural program can do to enhance and expand our community's efforts to engage more with all of our members.**

As a corporate sponsor, the Story Board of Supervisors' footprint will be recognized for its continued support and commitment to the betterment of the community of Ames/Story County. The 2026 sponsorship levels are attached for your consideration. We hope we can again count on your support for this event.

We want to thank the Story County Board of Supervisors in advance for considering this partnership and sponsorship opportunity. We look forward to hearing from you soon. **Registration is now open, please visit our website at [www.amesianaacp.org](http://www.amesianaacp.org).** If you have any questions or need additional information, contact our Freedom Committee Chair, Vanessa Baker-Latimer, at [ffbames@gmail.com](mailto:ffbames@gmail.com).

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Moses A. Ward".

Moses A. Ward, President, Ames NAACP Branch

2026 Freedom Fund Event Committee:

Vanessa Baker-Latimer-Chair; Anita Rollins, Timothy L. Gartin, Bob Kindred, and Ericka Eregbu; -Co-Chairs

## **2026 Corporate Sponsorship Levels and Benefits**

### **Diamond Sponsor: \$5,000**

- 20 guests at the In-Person Event (10 per table)
- 20 one-year NAACP memberships\*
- Logo recognition as Diamond Sponsor during the program
- Verbal recognition during the program
- Logo and link placement on the NAACP Ames website for one year
- Recognition Plaque
- Opportunity for 1–4-minute “live or pre-recorded” message during the event.

### **Platinum Sponsor: \$3,500**

- 16 guests at the In-Person Event (8 per table)
- 16 one-year NAACP memberships\*
- Logo recognition as Platinum Sponsor during the event program
- Verbal recognition during the program
- Opportunity for 1–3 minute “live or pre-recorded” message during the event.
- Logo and link placement on the NAACP Ames Website for the program year

### **Silver Sponsor: \$2,500**

- 10 guests at the In-Person Event (10 per table)
- 10 one-year NAACP memberships\*
- Logo recognition as Silver Sponsor during the program
- 1–2-minute pre-recorded message during the event
- Verbal recognition during the program
- Logo placement on the NAACP Ames Website for the program year

### **Bronze Sponsor: \$1,500.00**

- 8 guests at the In-Person Event (8 per table)
- 8 one-year NAACP memberships\*
- Logo recognition as Bronze Sponsor during the program
- Recognition as a Bronze Sponsor on our website for one year

### **Sustaining Sponsor/Faith-Based: \$650.00**

- 5 guests at the In-Person Event (5 per table)
- 5 one-year NAACP memberships\*)
- Recognition as a Sustaining Sponsor on our website for one year

### **Individual Tickets: \$175**

**\*Each Membership also includes a one-year membership to the NAACP**