FISCAL YEAR 2021 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarship Application Instructions

Effective Date: 12/01/20

Applicant Notification
Applications Accepted: December 1, 2020 – January 31, 2021 (Postmark Deadline)
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OVERVIEW

Since our inception, the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. (NABA) has provided millions of dollars in scholarship funds to deserving student members. Through the generous contributions of individuals, groups, corporate partners and like-minded organizations, NABA has been able to offer scholarships at the national, regional and local level to help bridge the opportunity gap for talented black students aspiring to a career in the accounting or finance profession.

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

The following types of scholarship are available to NABA students:

- NABA National Scholarships
- Corporate Partner Scholarships
- NABA Member Scholarship Awards
- CPA Exam Reviews

NOTE: the CPA Exam Review Scholarships are a credit for free or discounted review courses and are not paid to the students in cash.

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Many of our Corporate Partner scholarships and NABA Member scholarships have more specific criteria designated by the donor, however all of the scholarships have the following minimum requirements of student applicants.

1. Must be Black (includes African, African American, Caribbean, etc.)

2. Must be an ACTIVE* NABA student member**, whose membership dues have been received by NABA's National Headquarters no later than December 31, 2020.

   * If you are unsure of your status, please call NABA member services (240-542-5000) prior to the deadline.

   ** Once becoming a professional member, you are not permitted to return to student status, regardless of the circumstances. Graduate students must have entered graduate school immediately following receipt of their undergraduate degree in order to maintain student status and eligibility for a scholarship.

3. Must be currently enrolled at a four-year United States college or university as a full-time (12 semester hours or equivalent) undergraduate student (freshman, sophomore, junior, or first-year senior) majoring in accounting, finance, or business major, or they may be a full-time graduate student (9 semester hours or equivalent) enrolled or accepted into a master’s-level business program.

4. Must meet the minimum required grade point average* of 3.5 in your major and 3.3 overall.

   * Please provide a conversion of your grades to the "4.0 grading scale" if your college or university does not use this scale.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit the following:

- A completed online National Scholarship Application (NSA). Please type your responses, including "N/A" for items that are not applicable to you. The application MUST be completed in its entirety and will only be accepted between December 1 and January 31, 2021 by no later than 11:59 pm EST.

- An official current Academic Transcript (through the current fall semester). Official transcripts must be uploaded to the online application. We will not accept student copies or other unofficial transcripts.

- A clear copy of Student/Permanent Resident Visa (only if applicant IS NOT a United States citizen).

- A Current Resume. Resumes are to be uploaded in the online application.

- One Letter of Recommendation. Must be from a member of the accounting/business faculty at your college/university or from a non-relative who is familiar with your academic and/or professional performance (i.e. employer, advisor, etc.). Letters must be current and on Letterhead. Letters must be uploaded to the online application.

- A Personal Biography of 75 words or less (copy and paste in webform). NOTE: If awarded a scholarship, this biography will be used as your personal introduction will be included in our scholarship luncheon program material.

- A Professional Headshot. Upload must consist of 3 different photos. Each photo should be named using the following format: last name_first name_1; last name_first name_2; last name_first name_3
  
  Example: Jones_William_1.jpg

- An Essay Response of 500 words or less (copy and paste in webform) using the following prompt:
  Over the last year, we have seen significant changes transform society in a number of ways including social justice, global pandemics, civic engagement to name a few. Discuss specific ways in which NABA can ensure its programs and efforts reflect these changes and have impact on its members. Also include ways in which you have or could be involved in these changes.

- Financial Information for ACH transfers of scholarship funds, if selected.

SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTION

Scholarships will be presented during NABA’s National Convention & Expo held June 23-26, 2021. The actual cash awards will be made from the NABA National Headquarters after August 1, 2021 and after receipt of proof of enrollment for the period covered by the award, which ever comes second.

Scholarship Awards are made for the following academic year. Applicants should be pursuing national scholarships for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Award recipients will be notified by May 21, 2021. Scholarship disbursements will take place prior to the start of the academic semester (Fall 2021). Awards will be made payable to the recipient.

NOTE: It is your responsibility to ensure that your financial aid office and registrar have enough time (usually three to four weeks) to get the required items to you for upload into your application. We can only accept original documents.

HELP CONTACTS

NABA Member Service Center
Phone: 240-542-5000 or 888-571-2939
Email: memberservices@nabainc.org Hours:
Monday - Friday, 9am to 5pm EST