



"Lifting As We Climb"

# NABA, INC.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK ACCOUNTANTS, INC.  
PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

## FISCAL YEAR 2019 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

*Scholarship Application Instructions*

Effective Date: [10/05/18](#)

[Applicant Notification](#)

Applications Accepted: October 15, 2018 – December 15, 2018 (Postmark Deadline)

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*FISCAL YEAR 2019*

## 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, 2018**.

*\* 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.*

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## 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 October 15, 2018 and December 15, 2018 by no later than 11:59pm 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 biograph will be used as your personal introduction will be included in our scholarship luncheon program book.
- 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: Describe why you chose your major and the ways you will embody NABA's motto, "Lifting As We Climb"

## SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTION

Scholarship will be presented at the Scholarship Luncheon during NABA's Annual National Convention held June 19-23, 2019. The actual cash awards will be made from the NABA National Headquarters after July 1, 2018 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 2019 – 2020 school year. Award recipients will be notified by April 30, 2018. Scholarship disbursements will take place prior to the start of the academic semester (Fall 2019). 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 (eastern)