Scholarship Application and Instructions for the School Year 2019 – 2020

“Lifting As We Climb”

National Association of Black Accountants, Inc.
Northwest Arkansas Chapter
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Application Deadline: May 24, 2019 (Postmark)
In December 1969, nine African-Americans met in New York City to discuss the unique challenges and limited opportunities they faced in the accounting profession. In that year, there were only 136 African-American Certified Public Accountants (CPA's) out of a total of 100,000 in the United States.

Due to the lack of opportunities and resources, they decided to form the National Association of Black Accountants. Over the last 40 years the association has grown to include over 8,000 members across the United States.

Today, through the efforts of NABA and other interested groups, there are now more than 200,000 African-Americans participating in the field of accounting, of which over 5,000 are CPAs. As a leader in the business community, NABA continues to create opportunities for the purpose of enlarging the pipeline of African-Americans into every level of accounting, finance, business, and IT.

**Application Guidelines:**

1. Submit the completed application on or before May 24, 2019.
2. Be a current NABA student member in good standing. Annual membership dues, $35.00 for undergraduate or graduate students, are required to be paid to establish good standing. **Special Note:** Professional members are not eligible to apply for a scholarship.

3. Be currently enrolled at a four-year college or university in the State of Arkansas as a full-time (12 semester hours or equivalent) undergraduate freshman, sophomore, junior, or first-year senior majoring in accounting, finance or business; be a full-time graduate student (9 semester hours or equivalent) enrolled or accepted into a master’s-level business program; or, be a law student with a demonstrable interest in business law (for example, enrolled in/completed business law school courses and/or holds an undergraduate business degree).

4. Meet the minimum grade point average requirement of 3.0 overall. **Please provide a conversion of your grades to the "4.0 grading scale" if your college or university does not use this scale.**
Please submit the following (postmarked by May 24th):

- A completed Scholarship Application. Please type or clearly print your responses. The application MUST be completed and submitted with the items listed below by May 24th (postmark deadline).
- An official current Academic Transcript. You must request that your university’s registrar forward the transcript directly to you or the Chapter’s P.O. Box. We will not accept student copies, opened official transcripts, or other unofficial transcripts.
- A current Resume.
- A recent, business-appropriate headshot portrait.
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation. One must be from a member of the business school faculty at your college/university. The other may be from a non-relative who is familiar with your academic, extracurricular and/or professional performance (i.e. employer, advisor, etc.).
- A Personal Biography of 500 words or less. Your biography should specifically discuss your career objectives, leadership abilities, community activities, background and your involvement in NABA (if applicable).

Awards are made for the 2019 – 2020 academic school year. Award notification will be communicated via email. Scholarship disbursements will take place prior to each academic semester (Fall 2019 and Spring 2020). Upon verification of full-time enrollment, awards will be sent directly to the recipient’s college/university in two evenly distributed payments.

Applications and all accompanying materials may be submitted to Brigett Griffin, 2019 Scholarship Chairperson at NABA.NWA@gmail.com or, via mail:
National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. - Northwest Arkansas Chapter
Attention: Brigett Griffin/Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1401
Bentonville, AR 72712

It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure the financial aid office and registrar have enough time (usually three to four weeks) to get the required items to the applicant or NABA. We can only accept original documents. Faxed materials will not be accepted. NABA is not responsible for items lost or improperly handled by the mail carrier services. We recommend having the scholarship package sent by certified mail. Please plan carefully so that the submitted application receives the careful consideration it deserves.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Personal Information

Name: ____________________________ ____________________________ ____________________________

Last   First   Middle Initial

E-Mail: ______________________________ (personal email address, if applicable)

Permanent Address

Street

City   State   Zip Code

Permanent Phone: ______________________________

Campus or Temporary Address

Street

City   State   Zip Code

Campus or Temporary Phone: ______________________________

Preferred Mailing Address (check one):  

☐ Permanent  ☐ Campus or Temporary

Academic Profile

College/University Name: ______________________________

Classification: ____________________________ Major: ____________________________

Expected Graduation Date: ____________________________ Expected Degree: ____________________________

Grade Point Average (as of January 1, 2019) Major: ____________________________ Overall: ____________________________ Scale: ____________________________

Name of other Colleges/Universities attended

School

City/State

Years attended Certificate/Degree

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NABA Student Chapter Affiliation (if applicable):  

Accounting Career Awareness Program (ACAP) Participant (check one)?  □ Y  □ N

**Ethnic Minority Group (check one)**

- □ African American
- □ Native American
- □ African
- □ Other (explain)  

**Gender (check one)**

- □ Male
- □ Female
- □ African American
- □ Asian
- □ Hispanic
- □ Other (explain)  

**List any honors, distinctions, and scholarships that you have received**

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List your extracurricular activities and organizational involvement (documentation of community service must be included)

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**Employment**

Are you currently employed?  

If yes, how many hours do you work per week?  

Employer:  

Address:  

City:  
State:  
Zip:  

Type of work:  

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APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

In submitting this application, I hereby certify that:

1. I have met **ALL** requirements as outlined and acknowledge that misrepresentation of the information presented may be grounds to rescind the scholarship award. I also agree to inform the scholarship committee of any significant changes to that information.

2. I agree to the release of official transcripts of my grades to the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc.

3. If I am awarded a scholarship, I will provide satisfactory evidence, as required by NABA, of my full-time enrollment during the period(s) for which the scholarship is awarded.

4. I understand that submission of this application constitutes permission to use my name and/or photograph for promotional purposes in NABA communications and/or publications.

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