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NABA
GREATER ORLANDO
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Student Member

Scholarship Application and Instructions

Since inception, the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. (NABA) has provided millions in scholarship funds to deserving students. Through the generous contributions of individuals, groups, and organizations that share NABA’s desire to break through the economic barrier minorities often experience, NABA offers scholarships on a national, regional and local level.

NABA Greater Orlando Scholarship applications will be accepted in their entirety if received by **March 31, 2016**.

Scholarships will be presented at the Scholarship Event hosted by the NABA Greater Orlando Chapter to be held in April 2016 in Orlando, Florida. **Recipients are required to attend the events in order to receive their scholarship payment.** The exact dates will be confirmed via e-mail to all awardees several weeks in advance. Actual funds will be sent directly to the university upon verification of enrollment, and CPA Review courses will be presented at the scholarship event.

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for a NABA Greater Orlando Scholarship Award:

1. Be an **ACTIVE NABA** student member, whose membership dues have been received by NABA's National Office no later than March 31, 2016. Dues of \$20.00 for undergraduate or graduate students must be received by this date. If you are unsure of your status, please call the NABA National Office prior to the deadline. Special Note: Regardless of the circumstances, once becoming a professional member, you are not permitted to return to student status. Graduate students must have entered graduate school immediately after receiving their undergraduate degree in order to maintain student status and be eligible for a scholarship.
2. Be currently enrolled at a four-year accredited college or university as a minimum part-time (6 semester hours or equivalent), undergraduate freshman, sophomore, junior, or first-year senior accounting, finance, or business major or be a minimum part-time graduate student (3 semester hours or equivalent) enrolled or accepted into a master’s-level business program. Current high school students are not eligible.
3. Meet the minimum grade point average requirement in your major and overall as shown below. Please provide a conversion of your grades to the "4.0 grading scale" if your college or university does not use this scale.
Note: Scholarships may have other specific criteria that are not identified on this application.

<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Major GPA</u>	<u>Overall GPA</u>
Regional and local	3.25	3.25

APPLICATION MATERIALS

Please submit the following:

- ❑ A completed **Greater Orlando Scholarship Application (GOSA)**. Please type or clearly print your responses, including "N/A" for items that are not applicable to you. The application **MUST** be completed in its entirety, submitted with the items listed below, and is accepted **ONLY** from **February 1 – March 31, 2016** (receipt deadline).
- ❑ An official current **Academic Transcript (through the most recently completed semester)**. You must request that your University's registrar forward the transcript directly to you or to the mailing address below. We will not accept student copies or other unofficial transcripts. *Most schools assess a nominal service charge to send official transcripts.*
- ❑ A clear copy of Student/Permanent Resident Visa (only if applicant **IS NOT** a United States Citizen).
- ❑ A Current **Resume**.
- ❑ **One (1) Letter of Recommendation**. Must be from a member of the accounting/business faculty at your college/university or from a non-relative familiar with academic and/or professional performance (i.e. employer, advisor, etc.).
- ❑ An **essay of a minimum of 500 words (maximum 750)** specifically addressing the topic on page 6.
- ❑ A **Personal Biography/Introduction of 75 words or less** that includes your school; year in school, major, GPA, academic achievements, and involvement in NABA (include any offices held, exceptional achievements, and/or special recognition).
- ❑ **Calculation of Major GPA**. This must be included in the scholarship application under the **Academic Profile** heading (page 4) for your application to be considered complete. A worksheet is provided on page 7 to help you with this calculation, if needed.

Please email official application package, letter of recommendation and transcript to:

Email: shantaviaconner@yahoo.com

Letters of recommendation and transcripts may be scanned and emailed. If you prefer to mail them, you may send them to:

Tavia Conner

NABA-Greater Orlando Scholarship Program

545 S Keller Rd Apt 3201

Orlando, FL 32810

Postmark Deadline: March 31st

Contact Info:

Email: shantaviaconner@yahoo.com, Phone: (863) 257-0839

It is your responsibility to ensure that your registrar has enough time (usually three to four weeks) to get the required items to you or NABA. We can only accept original documents. Faxed or emailed transcripts will not be accepted. NABA is not responsible for items lost or improperly handled by the mail carrier services.

Applications Accepted: January 1 – March 31, 2015 (Receipt Deadline)

GREATER ORLANDO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Personal Information

Name: _____
 Last First Middle Initial
 E-Mail: _____

Permanent Address

Street _____
 City State Zip Code _____
 Permanent Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Campus or Temporary Address

Street _____
 City State Zip Code _____
 Campus or Temporary Phone: _____

Preferred Mailing Address (circle one): Permanent Campus or Temporary
 Best Contact Phone (circle one): Permanent Cell Campus or Temporary

Academic Profile

College/University Name: _____
 Fall 2015 Classification (i.e. freshman): _____ Major: _____
 Expected Graduation Date: _____ Expected Degree: _____
 Grade Point Average (as of January 1, 2015) Major: Overall: Scale: _____

Name of other Colleges/Universities attended

School City/State _____
 Years attended Certificate/Degree _____

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NABA Student Chapter Affiliation: _____

Are you a United States Citizen (circle one)? Y N

If not, do you have a Student/Permanent Resident Visa (circle one)? Y N

Visa Number: _____

(Attach a clear copy of Student/Permanent Resident Visa)

Are you a former Accounting Career Awareness Program (ACAP) participant (circle one)? Y N

If yes, what year? _____ What Program? _____

Ethnic Group (check one)

____ African American ____ African ____ Hispanic ____ White ____ Other

Gender (check one)

____ Male ____ Female

List any honors, distinctions, scholarships, extracurricular activities or organizational involvement (including past NABA scholarships)

Description (including Officer position title)	Date

CPA Review

Have you previously received a CPA Review Course? Y N

Internships/Job Status – Complete all that apply.

I have applied for a summer internship. Y N

I have accepted an internship for the summer of 2015. Y N

I have accepted a permanent job offer. Y N

If you answered yes to any of the above, please complete the following:

Company Name: _____

Company Contact Name: _____

Company Contact Phone/Email: _____

Duration of Internship (month/year): _____

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Essay

Please write an essay (a minimum of 500 words; maximum 750) addressing the following topic:

Explain the importance of accounting in today's society.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY/INTRODUCTION:

If awarded a scholarship, your personal introduction will be included in our Greater Orlando Scholarship Event Program Guide. Prepare your biography in the following format with a maximum of 75 words. We will make every effort to include your suggested information, but we cannot guarantee submissions will be included. Suggested format:

Mr. /Ms. XXX is a senior management major at The University of NABA. He/she has a 4.0 GPA in his/her major and a 3.8 GPA overall. He/she is the Financial Director of his/her school's NABA student chapter. His/her academic achievements include the Presidential Award and the XYZ Scholarship.

Include personal biography/introduction in the box below:

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 understand that by signing and submitting this application I agree to a minimum 2-year NABA membership (current and next fiscal year).
3. I will use the proceeds of any scholarship aid received for the payment **of tuition, required fees, room and board, and/or required materials only.**
4. I agree to the release of official transcripts of my grades to the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. Greater Orlando Chapter.
5. If I am awarded a scholarship, I will provide satisfactory evidence, as required by NABA, of my enrollment during the period(s) for which the scholarship is awarded.
6. If I am awarded a scholarship, I understand that I am **required** to attend the Greater Orlando Scholarship Dinner (**April 2016**) to accept the scholarship award.
7. I understand that if completion of my studies is planned for the middle of the academic year (i.e. a December graduate), I will receive 50% of the scholarship award.
8. I understand that submission of this application constitutes permission to use my name and/or photograph for promotional purposes in all NABA publications.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Calculating Major GPA Worksheet

The following worksheet is intended to aid in calculating your Major GPA

1. Determine which courses are required for your major.
2. Weigh the grade you received for each course using the scale below.
3. Multiply the grade weight by the credit hours for the respective course.
4. Sum the grade points and divide by the total number of credits hours.

Grade with weight:

A = 4	B = 3	C = 2	D = 1
A- = 3.75	B- = 2.75	C- = 1.75	D- = 0.75
B+ = 3.5	C+ = 2.5	D+ = 1.5	F = 0

Major Course	Grade	Grade Weight	Credit hours	Grade Points (Weight * Credits)
			Total:	Total:

Total grade points _____ divided by total credit hours _____ = _____ Major GPA