



*“Lifting As We Climb”*

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# NABA

## St. Louis Chapter



## **Scholarship Application and Instructions**

**Applications Accepted: May 1 – July 15, 2011 (Postmark Deadline)**

Since inception, the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. St. Louis Chapter (NABA) has provided over \$290,000 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 local level.

Scholarship applications will be accepted by the **St. Louis Metropolitan Chapter** from May 1, 2011 – July 15, 2011.

<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Major GPA</u>	<u>Overall GPA</u>
Corporate Scholarships (various)	3.5	3.0
Ronald Slaten Memorial Scholarship	3.5	3.0
Douglas E. Kelly Memorial Scholarship	3.5	3.0
Barry C. Winters Memorial Scholarship	3.5	3.0
Lifting As We Climb Scholarship	2.5	2.5
Ronald H. Leverett High School Award	3.0	3.0

The scholarships will be presented by the **NABA St. Louis Metropolitan Chapter** at the **31st Annual Scholarship Gala** on **September 9, 2011** at the **Missouri Athletic Club located in downtown St. Louis, Missouri**. **Your scholarship award is contingent on your ability to participate in the Scholarship Gala.** Awardees receive one additional complimentary ticket for a guest. The actual cash awards will be made from the NABA St. Louis Chapter post-gala with receipt of proof of enrollment for the period(s) covered by the award. The period covered will be September 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012.

**Applicants Must:**

1. Be an ethnic minority.
2. Meet the minimum required GPA or better in your major and overall. *Please provide a conversion of your grades to the “4.0 grading scale” if your college or university does not use this scale.*
3. Be a NABA **student** member majoring in Accounting, Finance or Business, whose membership dues have been received by NABA St. Louis Metropolitan Chapter **no later than the scholarship application deadline (July 15, 2011)**. **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.
4. Be currently enrolled at a two-year or four-year United States college or university as a full-time (12 semester hours or equivalent), **undergraduate** freshman, sophomore, junior, **or** first-year senior accounting, finance, or business major **or** be a full-time **graduate** student (9 semester hours or equivalent) enrolled or accepted into a master’s-level business program. Finance and business majors must have completed six (6) hours of accounting coursework.
5. **Current high school seniors are eligible at local level only.** Distribution of funds to high school awardees will occur upon documentation of NABA student membership and entry into a college or university.

**Note:** Scholarships may have other specific criteria that are not identified on this application.

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**APPLICATION MATERIALS****Please submit the following:**

- ❑ A completed **NABA St. Louis Chapter Scholarship Application**. 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 **May 1st – July 15, 2011 (postmark deadline)**.
- ❑ An official current **Academic Transcript (through the Spring 2011 semester)**. You must request that your College/University's or High School registrar forward the transcript directly to you or the NABA St. Louis Chapter. We will not accept student copies or other unofficial transcripts. **High School Students must provide report card.**
- ❑ A clear copy of Student/Permanent Resident Visa (only if applicant **IS NOT** a United States citizen).
- ❑ A Current **Resume**.
- ❑ Two (2) **Letters of Recommendation**. One must be from a member of the accounting/business faculty at your college/university. The other may be from a **non-relative** who is familiar with your academic and/or professional performance (i.e. employer, advisor, etc.). **High School applicants must provide one (1) Letter of Recommendation from a faculty member at your high school.**
- ❑ A **Personal Biography** of **100 words**. Your biography should specifically discuss your career objectives, leadership abilities, community activities, and **your involvement in NABA** (include any offices held, exceptional achievements, and/or special recognition).
- ❑ If you are a student who has demonstrated the character to persevere by overcoming a personal, family, or financial hardship, please include an additional statement of 150 words or less describing the circumstances and how the obstacles were overcome. The "Lifting As We Climb" Award is dedicated to these students.

Mail application and all accompanying materials to:  
**National Association of Black Accountants, Inc.**  
**St. Louis Chapter**  
**Scholarship Program**  
**P.O. Box 2611**  
**Florissant, MO 63032**

**Postmark Deadline: July 15, 2011**

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Awards are made for the 2011-2012 academic school year. Applicants in 2011 should be pursuing scholarships for the Fall 2011 -Spring 2012 school year. Award recipients will be notified by August 15, 2011. Scholarship disbursements will take place prior to each academic semester (Fall 2011 and Spring 2012). Awards will be mailed either to the student or directly to the school (based on the recipient's preference).

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 or the NABA St. Louis Chapter. We can only accept original documents. Faxed materials will not be accepted. NABA St. Louis Chapter 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 your application receives the consideration it deserves.**

**Please note that by submitting your application you agree to a minimum 1 year membership. High School applicants must agree to a one year membership for the next fiscal year. The \$20 cost of membership will be deducted from the Scholarship award.**

**NABA St. Louis Chapter - SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Personal Information**

Name:

Last

First

Middle Initial

E-Mail:

**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 (circle one):

Permanent

Campus or Temporary

**Academic Profile**

High School/College/University Name:

Classification (i.e. freshman, sophomore etc.):

Major:

Expected Graduation Date:

Expected Degree:

Grade Point Average (as of May 31, 2011)

Major:

Overall Scale:

**Name of other Colleges/Universities attended**

School

City/State

Years attended

Certificate/Degree

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NABA Student Chapter Affiliation\*:

\*not applicable for High School students

Date of Birth:

Social Security Number:

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? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current intern at a public accounting firm (circle one)? Y N

If yes, please provide the name of the public accounting firm? \_\_\_\_\_

**Ethnic Minority Group (check one)**

**Gender (check one)**

\_\_\_\_\_ African American

\_\_\_\_\_ Asian

\_\_\_\_\_ Male

\_\_\_\_\_ Native American

\_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic

\_\_\_\_\_ Female

\_\_\_\_\_ African

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**List any honors, distinctions, and scholarships that you have received (including past NABA scholarships)**

Description	Date

**List your extracurricular activities and organizational involvement**

Description	Date

- Check this box if your GPA falls below the requirements for all other scholarships (3.5 major, 3.0 overall), but meets the requirements for the Lifting as We Climb Scholarship (2.5 major, 2.5 overall). Please note that a separate essay must accompany the application for the *Lifting As We Climb* Scholarship.

**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 will use the proceeds of any scholarship aid received for the payment of **tuition, required fees, room and board, and/or required materials only.**
3. I understand that by signing and submitting this application I agree to a minimum 1-year NABA membership starting July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 fiscal year.
4. I agree to the release of official transcripts of my grades to the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. St. Louis Chapter.
5. 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.
6. If I am awarded a scholarship, I understand that I am required to attend NABA's St. Louis Chapter Scholarship Gala Friday, September 9, 2011 in St. Louis, Missouri 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 2011 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.

<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **When will monetary awards be provided?**

Monetary awards are mailed post-gala once proof of enrollment is received from the recipient. If you are planning to use the award towards tuition for the upcoming semester, please be advised that it can take up to 2 - 3 weeks to receive the award once proof of enrollment is received from you. It is important to make plans around tuition accordingly.

### **What is proof of enrollment?**

Every scholarship recipient is required to show proof that they will be matriculating as a full-time student for the semester of the Scholarship Gala (Fall Semester 2011). The same applies to those scholars going on to graduate school. Proof of enrollment can take the form of a letter from the registrar or receipt/confirmation of your online registration from your school. It must include your name, listing of courses for the fall semester, and an indication that it is from your school's official website.

### **Are scholarship awards made payable to the student or the school?**

Awards are made payable to the scholarship recipient unless otherwise requested.

### **It says in the application that we are required to attend the Scholarship Gala. When should we arrive?**

When you apply for the Scholarship you are agreeing to attend the scholarship gala. The gala is September 9, 2011 5pm at the Missouri Athletic Club in downtown St. Louis, Missouri. The NABA Scholarship Committee will communicate the expected arrival time to you.

### **Once I am a confirmed scholarship recipient, what should I do next?**

All scholarship recipients will receive periodic emails from a NABA St. Louis Chapter Executive Board Member which will provide information on how to prepare for the Scholarship Gala event, what to pack, what to expect and what is expected of you.

### **Will scholars be expected to cover any expenses during the gala?**

No. Scholarship recipients will not be expected to cover the meal cost for the gala and you will receive one complimentary ticket for a guest.

### **Who should I contact for questions about the application?**

Cheryl McNeil [cmcneil@naba-stl.org](mailto:cmcneil@naba-stl.org)  
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