



National Association of Black Suppliers Scholarship Fund

Scholar Guidelines

The National Association of Black Suppliers (NABSSF) scholarship is a stipend of up to \$5000 per year for up to five years that can be used for tuition, room and board and fees at a college or university of the awardees' choice. It is awarded to African-American students who have graduated from high school, demonstrated outstanding academic and community leadership, and who are enroll full-time in engineering, technology, business or a related curriculum.

The NABS Scholarship Purpose

The intent of the NABS scholarship is to provide financial and academic support to high achieving African-American students who intend to pursue careers in or related to the automotive and healthcare industry. The scholarship efforts are intended to meet three goals:

- To encourage students to develop entrepreneurial skills, as this may lead to an increase in the number of African-American automotive and healthcare suppliers.
- To recognize the accomplishments of outstanding African-American students and encourage their entry into technology and business careers.
- To provide highly qualified African-American recruits to meet the hiring objectives of NABS Scholarship Fund members and stakeholders.

Eligibility

To be considered for the NABS Scholarship, potential scholars must meet the following criteria:

- Be a graduating African-American high school senior.
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Plan to be enrolled in a full-time (12 credit hours or more) undergraduate engineering, technology, business or a related curriculum of interest to NABS. (Actual enrollment is required before any awarded funds can be disbursed.)
- Possess a cumulative 3.0 GPA or better on a 4.0 scale throughout your high school career.

Application Procedure

Interested applicants should complete the NABS scholarship application, have it post marked and mail to the following address below by **Saturday, March 3, 2017**.

NABS Scholarship Fund Inc.
Attn: Rhonda A. Glover
Executive Director
28401 Schoolcraft Road, Suite 450
Livonia, MI 48150

Selection Criteria

The Scholarship Committee will select scholarship recipients based on the strength of their academic performance, the quality and extent of their extracurricular and community involvement activities, and demonstrated leadership ability. Financial needs may be considered in the selection decision.

Selection Process

In order to ensure completeness and eligibility, applications are initially screened by the NABS Scholarship Fund Office. The Scholarship Fund Board will conduct further screening to identify semifinalists who will be interviewed by the Scholarship Selection Committee. The Scholarship Selection Committee is composed of representatives from the Scholarship Fund Board and a selected group of Scholarship Fund Sponsors.

Eligible Programs of Study

Eligible programs of study must have relevance to the automotive industry. Such programs include, but are not limited to, engineering (mechanical, electrical, industrial, and chemical), Technology (computer, sciences, manufacturing, packaging and logistics), business (finance, accounting, MIS, management, and marketing) and related fields of study.

Financial Award

Notice of financial awards will be mailed to finalists prior to the NABS Scholarship Awards Luncheon, held on May 10, 2016. Prior to distribution of the NABS Scholarship Funds, the Scholarship Fund Board will review the scholars' total financial package to determine the appropriate distribution of funds. All payments will be made directly to the educational institution upon confirming enrollment before each semester. The Scholarship Fund Board may, upon its own discretion and the Scholarship Fund's financial position, make Trendsetter (one time) Awards.

Internship

Summer internships may be available in conjunction with the scholarship program.

Expectations of NABS Scholars

In addition to the academic requirements of the scholarship, NABS requires the following:

- If selected, **all local scholarship recipients are expected to attend the Scholarship Luncheon on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 (Mandatory)**
- Attendance at scheduled scholarship functions
- Grades sent to NABS office on a semester or quarterly basis
- **Attendance at annual student retreats (Mandatory)**

Renewal Eligibility

- Participating scholar(s) must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or greater for each semester;
- Scholar(s) must matriculate in a field related to the automotive industry (refer to eligible programs of study).
- Scholar(s) must be enrolled as full-time students (12 credit hours or more).
- Periods (semester, trimester, or equivalent) of scholar ineligibility will not extend the total scholarship period from the original award date.

Award Administration

Scholars must arrange to send official transcripts to the NABS Scholarship Fund Office and to his/her mentor before the start of the next semester or term. All payments will be made directly to universities, only after confirmation of continued eligibility. Funds may not be used for any purpose other than those set forth above. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all Funds not applied to tuition, room, board or fees are returned to the NABS Scholarship Fund.

Please Attach the Following Documents

- Official copy of high school transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation (one from a teacher)
- Choose one of the following essays – **typed with 12 font one page only**
 1. Describe "A Current Event and how it has impacted your life"?
 2. Describe "What obstacles have you overcome" what did you learn from it and what life changes have you made because of it?
 3. Please explain or profile an "An African-American Entrepreneur"?
 4. What is the Value of individual involvement in community development?

All applicants must submit an original application, **postmarked by Friday, March 3, 2017.**