

Commercial Real Estate Diversity Outreach
Commercial Real Estate Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Application

The Central Florida chapter of NAIOP (the commercial real estate development association) in conjunction with its Diversity & Equitable Inclusion Committee is pursuing candidates for a **Diversity & Equitable Access Scholarship**. The format will be an **educational scholarship fund** to be awarded to students entering their sophomore to their senior year or pursuing a graduate degree. The student must demonstrate an intention to pursue a career in the commercial real estate industry or related fields through his/her/their course studies, employment or internships in the commercial real estate industry or other notable experience or achievements. Up to 10 scholarships will be granted in 2022 in the amount of \$1,000 or \$2,000 per semester. If the recipient resides in Central Florida area at the time of the award, the scholarship may also include a one-year student or graduate student (as applicable) membership to NAIOP Central Florida.

This scholarship is designated for students interested in career fields associated with Commercial Real Estate including careers such as, but not limited to:

- Real Estate Brokers
- Property Managers
- Commercial Lenders
- Land-Use Attorneys
- Real Estate Developers
- Urban Planners
- Civil & Environmental Engineers
- Architects
- Interior Designers
- Construction Managers
- Financial Investors
- Surveyors
- CAD Technicians
- Appraisers

APPLICATION CRITERIA:

- The applicant must be a full-time student (minimum 9 credit hours if pursuing a 2-year degree or 12 hours if pursuing a 4-year degree) and in good standing entering his/her sophomore year to senior year or a graduate program at one of the following colleges or universities: Seminole State College, Valencia Community College, Florida A&M University College of Law, University of Florida, Florida State, or University of Central Florida.
- The applicant must be a citizen of the United States or Canada.
- The applicant must demonstrate an intention or interest in pursuing a career in commercial real estate, through course work, work experience and/or other notable achievements.
- The applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- The applicant must be willing to have his/her name, photograph and city of

residence appear in promotional announcements by NAIOP Central Florida.

- The applicant must participate in a once per month meeting / phone call with their Commercial Real Estate Career Advisor through NAIOP Central Florida.
- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and can be awarded mid-semester. However, applications will be evaluated in the order they are received.
- Scholarships will be paid out at the successful completion of the Semester assuming the above criteria have been met.

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT:

- Complete pages 3 through 6 of this application
- Submit with the application:
 - One letter of recommendation from a faculty member at the applicant's school. The applicant may submit one additional recommendation from another source, excluding a relative or family member (please submit an email and phone number for each recommender);
 - A copy of the applicant's transcript, through the date of the most recent grading period (which may be delivered directly from the applicable college or university at the request of the applicant);
 - A copy of the applicant's resume;
 - A list of professional extracurricular activities inclusive of volunteering and any other efforts for the advancement of equality and inclusion.; and
 - Two essay questions – (350 words **each**)
 - Explain your career goals and your interest in pursuing a career in commercial real estate (and in which particular field or profession in the industry);
 - Describe the greatest challenge or obstacle you have overcome. What did you learn about yourself?
- Submit the foregoing by email to the address below:

NAIOP Diversity & Equitable Access Scholarship Program
c/o Lindsay Winter to lindsay@naiopcfl.org

*Please ensure contact information (name, phone, and e-mail) is provided for all references and individuals that submit letters of recommendation on behalf of the applicant.

TIMELINE

Applications are currently being accepted on rolling basis. Applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible since applications will be evaluated in the order they are received.

**The D&EI Scholarship committee reserves the right to conduct interviews by phone, Zoom or in-person of any applicant.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Current Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Permanent Address (if different from above) _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY GENERAL INFORMATION

Attending College _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

Degree _____

Current Overall GPA _____

Credit Hours Completed _____

Course Work
(related to commercial
real estate or related industries) _____

Future Courses
(related to commercial
real estate or related industries) _____

IDEA TASK FORCE/NAIOP CENTRAL FLORIDA PARTICIPATION

Have you participated in an event hosted by NAIOP Central Florida? _____

If yes, please list the year(s) you participated: _____

Have you participated in any other NAIOP event(s)? _____ If yes, please describe the event(s) you participated in and the date(s): _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CURRENT YEAR)

Tuition \$ _____

Room/Board or Living Expenses \$ _____

General Fees \$ _____
 (include books and any related fees)

Other Misc. Expenses \$ _____
 (explain)

Total: \$ _____

PERSONAL/FAMILY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

What was your gross family income as reported in the most recent income tax year?*(Include income from both of your parents/guardians, if applicable.)

*While financial need will be considered, the scholarship should not be considered need based. Other criteria will be considered as well.

under \$10,000	\$10,000 - \$50,000	\$50,000 - \$75,000
\$75,000 - \$100,000	\$100,000 - \$150,000	over \$150,000

How much can your family contribute per year towards your education? _____

How much income are you earning per month? _____

Are there any unique family financial responsibilities that should be considered with your application? If yes, please specify: _____

Please indicate any funds/grants/scholarships you have received, or will be receiving, that are not reflected in the above information, including any Florida prepaid tuition or other plans: _____

Do you intend on pursuing your career within Central Florida? (Please state "Yes" or "No") _____

I hereby swear and attest to the truthfulness the above information, and hereby certify all information included with my application is accurate and complete.

By submitting this Application, I further agree to the following:

- If I receive notice that I am a qualified applicant, I will request an official transcript be provided to NAIOP Central Florida, if requested.
- NAIOP Central Florida, through the Scholarship committee, may contact those who submit recommendations on my behalf, as well as any references listed in my resume.
- NAIOP Central Florida may use my name and city of residence in promotional materials and may publish my essay or excerpts therefrom on its website or in its marketing materials, with proper attribution.
- If I am awarded the scholarship, I will reasonably cooperate with NAIOP Central Florida’s marketing efforts relating to the scholarship during the academic year for which I receive the scholarship.
- If I am awarded the scholarship, I agree to keep current contact information on file with NAIOP Central Florida for at least two (2) years following the academic year I received the scholarship.

Applicant Signature

Date

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Completion of pages 3 to 5 of this application

Letter of recommendation #1

Letter of recommendation #2 (optional)

Transcript (Unofficial)

Resume

List of extracurricular activities

Two 350-word essays

CONFIRMATION

I agree to the above

Signature _____

Date _____