

## 2026 NATIONAL BLACK MBA ASSOCIATION of Memphis

### Rafael Dodd Graduate Scholarship Application

# \$1,000 Scholarship Award

#### **NATIONAL BLACK MBA ASSOCIATION, INC. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:**

The purpose of The Memphis Chapter of the National Black MBA Association, Inc. scholarship is to offer financial assistance for tuition and other educational expenses to local students enrolled in a business or management program. Scholarships are apportioned based on an applicant's demonstrated academic achievement, community service, verbal skills, and resume. Scholarship recipients will be notified the first week of April and are required to attend our Visionaries Symposium Celebration in April 2026.

**The application deadline is March 1, 2026.**

If you have questions, please contact: [president@nbmbaamemphis.org](mailto:president@nbmbaamemphis.org)

#### **Selection Process**

- Review of Application packages by Scholarship Committee/Executive Committee.
- Telephone Interviews with semi-finalists to evaluate verbal communication skills.
- Winners will be determined based on the weighting of all criteria (Essay, GPA, Resume, References, and Interview).
- Notify the winners and all other applicants of recipients by phone/email.
- The winner requested to provide the chapter with verification from the school's registrar confirming enrollment.

#### **NBMBAA Memphis Chapter Rafael Dodd Scholarship Award Requirements:**

1. Applicant must be a minority student, currently enrolled in or accepted to a Mid-South (or surrounding area) MBA or graduate-related accredited business program for the year 2026.

2. Applicants must be pursuing a graduate degree (PhD, MBA, MPH, EdD, DBA, etc...) at the time of award or will be enrolled in a graduate program during calendar year 2026.
3. Applicants must submit a double-spaced, 12pt font, type-written essay of up to three pages in response to the following topic: **Achieving DEI Goals Without DEI Programs**  
*The number of quotes and references should be used judiciously*
4. Applicants must submit an official college transcript(s) with their application. Please send or have transcripts sent to [president@nbmbaamemphis.org](mailto:president@nbmbaamemphis.org). Due to time constraints, transcripts can be provided later – up to 1 week from the deadline date.
5. A completed application, required essay, resume, and 2 letters of reference received by **March 1, 2026**, and submitted via email to: [president@nbmbaamemphis.org](mailto:president@nbmbaamemphis.org).
6. Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than **April 1, 2026**.
7. Transcripts must be provided as well before awarding the scholarship.
8. The award will be presented in mid-April **2026**
9. Prior scholarship winners must wait 2 (two) calendar years to re-apply for another scholarship.

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#### NBMBAA Memphis Chapter

**Application must be filled out via MSWORD, Adobe, pdf, etc. – scanned and/or e-mailed to [president@nbmbaamemphis.org](mailto:president@nbmbaamemphis.org)**

Applicant:			
Name			
<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Middle Initial</i>	<i>Ethnicity</i>
Address			
<i>Street Number</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State/Zip Code</i>	
Home Telephone Number:			
Work Telephone Number:			
Email Address:			
Are you a former scholarship recipient? If yes, year received _____, No _____			

Undergraduate Institution:		
<i>Institution name</i>	<i>City/State</i>	<i>Year of Graduation:</i>
		GPA

Enrolled/Targeted Graduate Program:		
<i>Institution name</i>	<i>City/State</i>	<i>Year of Graduation:</i>

Extracurricular Activities or Social/professional affiliation			
<i>Organization</i>	<i>Role/Title</i>	<i>Years (20XX – 200X)</i>	<i>Main Activity/Function Performed</i>

Please list extracurricular activities above - include organizations, community activities, and any offices held with dates. If additional space is needed, please use the back of this application.

Please verify that all information is correct and complete before signing below. Check List - items to be included: 1) Transcripts; 2) Completed application; 3) Essay; 4) 2 letters of reference; 5) resume.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Incomplete applications will not be considered for scholarship.**

**EDUCATION**

**CAREER**

**LEADERSHIP**

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

**LIFESTYLE**