

National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. Minneapolis / St Paul Chapter

Accounting Career Awareness Program

A Career Development Program for All Ethnic Minority High School Students



"Lifting As We Climb"

2009 APPLICATION PACKAGE

**Summer Residency Program
July 19 - 24, 2009**

Application Deadline: May 30th, 2009

December, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

The Twin Cities Chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. (NABA) will sponsor the Accounting Career Awareness Program (ACAP) during the week of July 19 – 24th, 2009.

The Accounting Career Awareness Program (ACAP), a part of NABA's Center for Advancement of Minority Accountants (CAMA), is an innovative career development program designed specifically for minority students who are juniors and seniors in high school, although sophomores may also apply. Its primary objective is to increase the number of high school students from under-represented ethnic groups that attend college and major in accounting.

This **free** one-week residency program provides students excellent opportunities to not only learn more about their future career opportunities, but also to meet other students within the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolis and surrounding cities. The **University Of Minnesota - Minneapolis/St Paul Campus** will serve as the hosting campus in 2009.

ACAP will introduce minority high school students to accounting, finance, economics, technology and management while providing the foundation of financial literacy and the development of interpersonal skills. Prominent local business leaders will share their knowledge, provide tips for success and discuss educational opportunities. Participants will also experience accounting first-hand through tours of local companies and discussions with financial leaders.

ACAP will be facilitated by a combination of NABA members, hosting campus faculty and staff, Minority college students, and Corporate Partners. The program concludes with a recognition dinner for students, parents, speakers, and corporate partners.

Tentative topics and plans for the week include:

- Orientation & reception for the students, parents and sponsors
- Transitioning from high school to college
- Corporate tour and topics
- Financial literacy
- Individual and group development projects
- Introduction to college life
- Introduction to business and accounting
- Etiquette workshop
- Public speaking workshop
- Accounting/Finance hot topics
- College search/selection
- Case presentation and feedback

***** Daily social activities, community involvement and FUN! FUN!! FUN!!!***

These students will attend ACAP **with all expenses paid including tuition, room and board, books, materials, tours and mentoring**. Students will be selected for ACAP through the application process. All applicants must be either an incoming sophomore, junior or senior, and meet all requirements

outlined in the application. Additionally, selected students into the program will have an opportunity to compete for **scholarships** to be used to defray expenses directly related to tuition and fees upon acceptance and enrollment into an accredited College or University. The student must complete the semester in which the scholarship is awarded with a satisfactory grade of B or better.

Your assistance is needed in identifying a diverse group of qualified candidates from ethnic minority backgrounds. We have provided you with contact information should you choose to contact us. **Please note that students will be responsible for securing transportation to and from the hosting campus on the first and last days of the program.**

Applications must be received and/or postmarked by May 30th, 2009. Students selected for ACAP will be notified no later than June 15th, 2009. Please distribute the application as deemed necessary. Thank you in advance for your assistance

Sincerely,

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