

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY
2020-2021 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAIOP Chicago is the premier organization for commercial real estate professionals. NAIOP represents commercial real estate developers, owners and investors of office, industrial, retail and mixed-use properties. It provides strong advocacy, education and business opportunities, and connects its members through a powerful North American network. NAIOP Chicago is committed to fostering quality educational programs and networking opportunities while acting as commercial real estate's voice on important state and national legislative issues.

As part of our mission NAIOP Chicago believes we must continue to encourage and support the next generation of commercial real estate professionals. We are committed to a more diverse industry which reflects a stronger balance in both gender and ethnicity.

The University Initiative

The University Initiative was created to provide university students unique opportunities to engage with commercial real estate professionals in the Chicago region. An integral piece of the Initiative is the *NAIOP Chicago University Scholarship Program* which **provides tuition assistance as well as other professional benefits** to qualifying students enrolled in a commercial real estate program at select institutions.

Scholarship Criteria*

- Enrolled as a graduate student, full-time or part-time (minimum of 2 classes in each Fall and Spring Semester) in a commercial real estate program at DePaul University, Chicago; Minimum 3.0 GPA
- 35 and Under

**All applicants who meet the above criteria will receive complimentary attendance to a 2020 NAIOP Chicago program.*

Scholarship Expectations

- Attendance at a minimum of 1 NAIOP Chicago breakfast meeting, including interacting with DL Connector. *(NAIOP Chicago young professional)*
- Attendance at a minimum of 2 NAIOP Chicago Developing Leaders Events for Young Professionals *(Typically held downtown in the evenings)*
- Attend the 2020 NAIOP Chicago Awards for Excellence Dinner *(November 12, 2020)*
- Participation in the 2021 NAIOP Chicago Mentorship Program, including attendance at the Kick-Off and Closing Reception *(Consists of quarterly meetings with a senior real estate mentor scheduled at mutually agreeable times / location)*

Scholarship Winner Benefits

- \$7,500 towards school tuition plus additional benefits listed below (value: \$2,500):
 - A one-year NAIOP Developing Leader Membership *(Membership for 35 and under)*
 - Complimentary meeting attendance at NAIOP Chicago events for one year *(Rideshare to/from public transportation available, if needed)*
 - Attendance at NAIOP 2020 CRE Conference *(October 6-8, 2020 in Las Vegas, NV)*, including registration fees & per diem
 - Inclusion in the 2021 NAIOP Chicago Mentorship Program
 - DL Connector – Pairing scholarship winner with a NAIOP Chicago young professional

Scholarship Runner-Up Benefits

- A one-year NAIOP Developing Leader Membership
- Complimentary meeting attendance at NAIOP Chicago events for one year
- DL Connector – Pairing runner-up with a NAIOP Chicago young professional

Application Deadline & Important Information

Applications must be submitted via email to info@naiopchicago.org by Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

The selection committee is comprised of NAIOP Chicago Board members. The selection process will include an in-person interview with qualified applicants on May 27, 2020. Applicants will be advised of their selection prior to the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Questions? Contact NAIOP Chicago at 773-472-3072 or info@naiopchicago.org.

More Information: [WATCH OUR VIDEO](#) and learn more about our commitment to future industry leaders!

NAIOP Chicago DePaul University Scholarship APPLICATION

Full Name: _____

University Enrolled in: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____ Area of Study: _____

Employer, if applicable: _____

Title, if applicable: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

I will be working toward one of the following real estate-focused degrees:

- ☐ MBA Degree
- ☐ MSRE Degree
- ☐ Advanced Graduate Degree

Other, please specify: _____

Year in School (2020-2021 school year):

- ☐ 1st Year
- ☐ 2nd Year

Other, please specify: _____

On separate sheets, please answer the following essay questions. Answers should be no more than one page in length.

1. Other than the monetary component, why is this Scholarship important to you and what do you hope to gain/give back to NAIOP Chicago throughout your 1-year membership and beyond?
2. In your opinion, what is the greatest challenge that real estate professionals of your generation will face in the future? What are your ideas for overcoming this challenge?
3. Professionally, where do you see yourself in five years?

Also, please submit:

- Current resume
- Current College Transcript (GPA verification)
- Copy of Driver's License
- Letter from Current Employer/University Professor/Mentor which includes:
 - A recommendation of the applicant, and verification that the applicant may take time off work/school to participate in a minimum number of NAIOP Chicago Chapter and Mentorship Program events. *Please Note: If the applicant is not currently employed, a letter of recommendation from a professor, former employer or person in the industry with whom the applicant has done business will be sufficient.*

VERIFICATION

I understand that I am expected to participate in a minimum number of NAIOP Chicago Chapter and Mentorship Program events if I am selected as a scholarship recipient.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____