



Minnesota Chapter of NATP Scholarship Program Application Deadline: August 15

The Minnesota Chapter of the National Association of Tax Professionals (MN NATP) established its Scholarship Program in 2014, initially funding it with a \$10,000 contribution. Since then, the MN NATP Board of Directors has continued to grow and support the fund through targeted fundraising efforts, event-based donations, and other contributions. As part of this ongoing commitment, \$5 from each registration for an MN NATP-sponsored educational event is directed to the scholarship fund.

Each fiscal year, the program awards up to three (3) scholarships of \$750 each. Scholarships are available in two categories: College Scholarships and Professional Scholarships, each with its own eligibility criteria. A Scholarship Committee—composed of at least five MN NATP members in good standing, including one Board Member serving as Chair—oversees the application review and selection process. If the full committee is not available at the time of the application deadline, the MN NATP Board will assume its responsibilities.

To maintain impartiality, any committee member with a conflict of interest related to an applicant will be recused from evaluating that application.

The application deadline for both types of scholarships is AUGUST 15 of every year. The scholarship Committee will convene the Thursday following to review and select scholarship applicants.

Classes of Scholarships

College Scholarships

College Scholarships are open to high school seniors applying to, or students currently enrolled in, an accredited two- or four-year college or university in the United States. Applicants must be full-time students (enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester) and may pursue any field of study, provided they meet all scholarship criteria.

Scholarships will be awarded to high school recipients only upon submission of proof of college acceptance, a tuition receipt, or proof of textbook purchase.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Completed application form
- U.S. citizenship and Minnesota residency
- Minimum GPA of 2.7
- Full-time student status
- Required supporting documents:
 - A short essay outlining career goals, reasons for applying, and a unique quality that distinguishes the applicant
 - Two letters of recommendation from any of the following:
 - High school or college instructor
 - Community service leader
 - Employer
 - Long-term, non-relative adult acquaintance

Professional Scholarships

Professional Scholarships are available to tax professionals, accountants, and financial planners who are:

- Currently pursuing Enrolled Agent (EA) certification, or
- NATP members who have never attended a NATP National Conference or Taxposium.

Scholarship funds may be used to offset the cost of an EA review course, EA exam registration, or first-time registration for the NATP National Conference or Taxposium.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Completed application form
- U.S. citizenship
- Active and valid Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN)
- Current MN NATP member in good standing
- Required supporting documents:
 - A short essay describing professional goals, career trajectory, and a distinguishing personal or professional trait
 - One of the following:
 - Receipt for an EA exam review course
 - Proof of EA exam registration
 - Proof of first-time registration for the NATP National Conference or Taxposium