



NACS Foundation

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2026 APPLICATION

LISA DELL'ALBA CONVENIENCE INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE ALL PARTS OF THE APPLICATION

Complete all parts of the scholarship application as directed and send your completed application to the NACS Foundation by email on or before **Friday, January 30, 2026.**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Current Title: _____

Company / Organization: _____

Number of Convenience Stores Operated by Your Employer:

☐ 25 or fewer

☐ More than 25

Home Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Have you successfully completed the NACS Leadership for Success program?

☐ Yes | Year Completed: _____

☐ No

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

(1-2 pages maximum; may be attached as a separate document)

Please submit a statement that includes:

- A brief professional background
- Your leadership experience and career goals
- Why you are applying for a Lisa Dell'Alba Convenience Industry Scholarship
- How this opportunity aligns with your commitment to leadership development within the convenience & fuel retailing industry

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

(1 page maximum; may be attached as a separate document)

Please provide an executive summary outlining a leadership initiative or idea you would further develop if awarded this scholarship. The proposal should:

- Address leadership development within your organization or the broader convenience retail industry
- Demonstrate innovation, impact, and scalability
- Reflect Lisa Dell'Alba's legacy of mentorship and service

RESUME

(Attachment required)

Please include professional and personal accomplishments relevant to leadership development and service to the industry.

Questions?

Reach out to the
NACS Foundation team at
scholarship@conveniencecares.org



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REFERENCES

Please identify **two individuals** who can provide a recommendation on your behalf.

Reference #1

Name: _____

Title / Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Reference #2

Name: _____

Title / Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS, CHECKLIST & APPLICANT CERTIFICATION:

Please submit this completed application along with all required attachments on or before **January 30, 2026**.

Email completed scholarship packet to **scholarship@conveniencecares.org**

CHECK LIST:

- ☐ Completed Application
- ☐ Statement of Interest (1-2 pages maximum)
- ☐ Executive Summary – Leadership Initiative (1 page maximum)
- ☐ Resume
- ☐ Two References

I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that incomplete applications or missing materials may result in disqualification.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

SELECTION & AWARD

- Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee of industry executives
- The scholarship will be awarded in **February 2026**
- The recipient will participate in the **NACS Executive Leadership Program at Cornell University** during the **Summer 2026** program year
- The scholarship covers the cost of program tuition, which includes instruction, course materials, assessments, lodging, scheduled meals and entertainment. An additional \$1,000 stipend will be available to cover transportation and out-of-pocket expenses

QUESTIONS?

Contact the NACS Foundation team at scholarship@conveniencecares.org or contact Kevin O'Connell at koconnell@convenience.org. To learn more about the NACS Foundation Scholarship, go to conveniencecares.org/our-programs/future-fund/Lisa-DellAlba-Convenience-Leadership-Scholarship

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