



## **2026 APPLICATION**

### **LISA DELL'ALBA CONVENIENCE INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP**

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#### **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.***

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#### **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.



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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 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](mailto:scholarship@conveniencecares.org) or contact Kevin O'Connell at [koconnell@convenience.org](mailto:koconnell@convenience.org). To learn more about the NACS Foundation Scholarship, go to [conveniencecares.org/our-programs/future-fund/Lisa-DellAlba-Convenience-Leadership-Scholarship](http://conveniencecares.org/our-programs/future-fund/Lisa-DellAlba-Convenience-Leadership-Scholarship)