

African American Professional Associations

[American Association of Blacks in Energy \(AABE\)](#)

The American Association of Blacks in Energy is a national association of energy professionals founded and dedicated to ensuring the input of African Americans and other minorities into the discussions and developments of energy policies, regulations, R&D technologies and environmental issues.

[The Association of Black Psychologists](#)

The Association of Black Psychologists was established to address the long-neglected needs of African-American professionals. The group's goal is to have a positive impact on the mental health of the African-American community by providing programs, services, training and advocacy.

[The Executive Leadership Council](#)

The Executive Leadership Council is an independent, non-profit 501(c)(6) corporation, founded in 1986 by 19 African-American corporate executives dedicated to a bold mission -- to provide African-American executives of Fortune 500 companies with a network and leadership forum that adds perspective and direction to the achievement of excellence in business, economic and public policies for the African-American community, their corporations and the community at large.

[Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies](#)

The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies informs and illuminates the nation's major public policy debates through research, analysis, and information dissemination. The center's goals are to improve the socioeconomic status of African Americans and other minorities, expand their effective participation in the political and public policy arenas and promote communications and relationships across racial and ethnic lines to strengthen the nation's pluralistic society.

[National Association for the Advancement of Colored People \(NAACP\)](#)

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

[National Association of Black Accountants, Inc.](#)

The National Association of Black Accountants is a nationwide organization with the primary purpose of developing, encouraging and serving as a resource for greater participation by African Americans and other minorities in the accounting and finance profession.

National Association of Black Hotel Owners, Operators & Developers (NABHOOD)

The National Association of Black Hotel Owners, Operators & Developers' mission is to increase the number of African Americans in developing, managing, operating and owning hotel properties.

National Association of Black Journalists

The National Association of Black Journalists is an organization of journalists, students and media-related professionals that provides quality programs and services to and advocates on behalf of African-American journalists worldwide.

National Black Business Council, Inc.

The National Black Business Council is dedicated to creating and advancing African-American businesses through a national alliance of African-American companies and economic development organizations. The alliance was formed to encourage African-American business leaders to fully participate in the federal policy and legislative process.

National Black Chamber of Commerce (NBCC)

The National Black Chamber of Commerce, incorporated in Washington, D.C. in March 1993, represents 95,000 African-American-owned businesses and provides advocacy that reaches one million African-American-owned businesses. Throughout the 1990s, African-American businesses in the United States posted sales of more than \$100 billion annually. In general, African Americans represent an annual spending base of more than \$800 billion. NBCC has harnessed much of the power of these dollars and provides unique opportunities for corporations and African-American businesses to partner in creating greater opportunity for all people.

National Black MBA Association

The National Black MBA Association is dedicated to developing partnerships that result in the creation of intellectual and economic wealth in the African-American community. In partnership with more than 400 of the country's top business organizations, the association has inroads into a wide range of industries as

well as the public and private sector. The National Black MBA Association, which has more than 6,000 members and represents more than 95,000 MBA graduates, operates around three cornerstones— education, employment and leadership.

[National Black Nurses Association \(NBNA\)](#)

The National Black Nurses Association's mission is to provide a forum for collective action by African-American nurses to investigate, define and determine the health care needs of African-Americans and implement change to make health care for African Americans and other minorities commensurate with that of the larger society.

[National Council of Negro Women, Inc. \(NCNW\)](#)

The National Council of Negro Women is an assembly of national African-American women's organizations and community-based sections. Founded in 1935, the NCNW's mission is to lead, develop and advocate for women of African descent as they support their families and communities. NCNW fulfills this purpose through research, advocacy and national and community-based services and programs on issues of health, education and economic empowerment in the United States and Africa.

[National Coalition of 100 Black Women \(NCBW\)](#)

The mission of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women is to develop leaders who will help to rebuild their communities and redirect the energies of younger African-Americans in those communities. To meet the diverse needs of its members and to empower African American women in general, NCBW implements programs that provide an effective network among African-American women, establish links between NCBW and the corporate and political sectors, enable African-American women to be a visible force in the socioeconomic arena and meet the career needs of these women and facilitate their access to mainstream America.

[National Medical Association \(NMA\)](#)

The National Medical Association promotes the collective interests of physicians and patients of African descent. The organization is a leading force for parity in medicine, the elimination of health disparities and the promotion of optimal health.

[National Newspaper Publishers Association](#)

The National Newspaper Publishers Association, also known as the African-American Press of America, is a 65-year-old federation of more than 200 African-American community newspapers from across the United States.

[National Urban League](#)

The National Urban League is a civil-rights organization focused on the economic empowerment of underserved urban communities. The National Urban League works through 100 local affiliates in 36 states and the District of Columbia to provide programming, public policy research and advocacy designed to improve the lives of more than 2 million people nationwide.

[National Society of Black Engineers \(NSBE\)](#)

The National Society of Black Engineers' mission is to increase the number of culturally responsible African-American engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community.

[Organization of Black Designers](#)

The Organization of Black Designers is a non-profit national professional association dedicated to promoting the visibility, education, empowerment and interaction of its membership and the understanding and value that diverse design perspectives contribute to world culture and commerce. The Organization of Black Designers is the first national organization dedicated to addressing the unique needs of African-American design professionals.

[United Negro College Fund \(UNCF\)](#)

The United Negro College Fund is the nation's largest, oldest, most successful and most comprehensive minority higher-education assistance organization. The UNCF provides operating funds and technology enhancement services for 39 member historically African-American colleges and universities, scholarships and internships for students at approximately 900 institutions and faculty and administrative professional training.

[100 Black Men of America](#)

The mission of 100 Black Men of America is to improve the quality of life and enhance educational and economic opportunities for all African Americans.