

**ACCOUNTING IS MORE  
THAN JUST NUMBERS.**

NORTH CAROLINA CPA FOUNDATION  
**OUTSTANDING  
MINORITY ACCOUNTING  
STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**



## APPLICATION FORM

To be completed by the student applying. Please type or print. Please indicate both your school and home address on this form.

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| Name   |          | Email Address                        |               |
| Educational Institution Where Currently Enrolled (College or University) |          | Other Colleges/Universities Attended |               |
| Mailing Address  | (School) | (Home)                               |               |
| City, State, Zip   | (School) | (Home)                               |               |
| Telephone  | (School) | (Home)                               | <b>OVER ►</b> |

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## QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be enrolled full time in an accredited North Carolina college or university and have had a legal residence in North Carolina for the last year.
- Must have completed at least four college or university level accounting courses.
- Must have completed at least 36 semester hours (or equivalent) by the start of the spring semester.
- Must be enrolled in an academic program leading to a degree in accounting or its equivalent, either currently or during the first semester following the awarding of the scholarship.

For the purpose of this program, the Minority Action Committee defines minority students as those of Black, Native American/Alaskan Native, Middle-Eastern, Asian or Pacific Island races, or of Hispanic ethnic origin.

## ACADEMIC MERIT, ACHIEVEMENT, AND ESSAY

1. Submit letters of recommendation from:
  - a. An accounting faculty member.
  - b. A professional or community affiliate, or a second accounting faculty member.
2. Have evidence of academic achievement, demonstrated by an average (accounting subjects and overall) of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Submit a typed essay on one of the following topics:
  - a. What can the profession do to help minorities understand the impact of and offer ways to survive the national financial crisis?
  - b. How will you impact minority communities by becoming a CPA?
  - c. What challenges/issues do minority CPAs face in the profession?

The essay should be at least 500 words in length and will weigh substantially in the scholarship awarding process. **The reviewers (NCACPA members) will consider grammar, punctuation, organization, style, content, and creativity.** Because the reviewers are CPAs, applicants should not include information in the essay with which professionals would already be familiar.

## WHAT YOU GET

- Scholarship Amounts: Scholarships will be awarded annually at the discretion of the NC CPA Foundation and the Minority Action Committee. The Outstanding Minority Accounting Student Scholarship awards range from \$1,000 to \$2,000. There is a three-year maximum limit for NC CPA Foundation awards per student.
- Availability of Funds: A letter, postmarked by April 15, will be mailed to students regarding their award status. Checks will be sent directly to the college or university on your behalf in two equal payments, to be applied toward tuition for the fall and spring semesters, respectively.
- Free Student Membership: All qualified Foundation scholarship applicants automatically receive a complimentary, one-year membership with NCACPA.

## WEIGHTING OF CATEGORIES

- Essay content = 25%
- Essay grammar = 25%
- GPA = 30%
- Extracurricular activities = 20%

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE

Applicants must submit transcripts of all course work completed, to include the spring semester. An official (sealed) transcript should be included with this application or sent directly from the Registrar's office to the NC CPA Scholarship Foundation.

Application, essay, and transcripts must be postmarked by March 15.

Additional application forms are available online at [www.ncacpa.org/students/](http://www.ncacpa.org/students/) under the 'Scholarships' section.

*The North Carolina CPA Foundation, Inc. was established in 1980 to further the development of accounting education and the accounting profession in North Carolina. The North Carolina Association of CPAs' Board of Directors and the Minority Action Committee are sponsors of the Outstanding Minority Accounting Student Scholarship.*

### Grade Point Average (on a scale of 4.0):

Accounting Courses \_\_\_\_\_  
Overall \_\_\_\_\_

### Has Your Legal Residence Been in NC for the Last Year?

Yes  No

### Current Academic Year:

Sophomore  Junior  
 Senior  Masters or PhD Program

### Ethnic Background:

Black  Hispanic ethnic origin  Middle Eastern  
 Asian or Pacific Islander  Native American/Alaskan Native

### How did you first learn of the Foundation's scholarship program?

Professor  Another Student  NCACPA Website  
 Career Fair  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Accounting Courses Enrolled or Completed:

| Course | Date | Course | Date |
|--------|------|--------|------|
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List or attach documentation of any honors, scholarships, or awards you have received while in college. Please indicate the granting organization, nature of the award, and date:

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List or attach documentation of any extracurricular activities or organizations that you have actively participated in while in college. Indicate your role within the organization, whether it is business, civic, charitable, or religious:

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I affirm that all statements made in this application are true to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that the scholarship is to be used for tuition purposes only.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Submit this form and all related attachments to: North Carolina CPA Foundation, Inc., PO Box 80188, Raleigh, NC 27623-0188

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Visit [www.ncacpa.org/students](http://www.ncacpa.org/students) for NCACPA student member benefit information and additional scholarships available through the NC CPA Foundation.