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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.

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) _____

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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/ 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:

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:

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
Application, essay, reference letters, and transcripts must by postmarked by March 15.
Visit www.ncacpa.org/students for NCACPA student member benefit information and additional scholarships available through the NC CPA Foundation.