



Arizona CPA Foundation for Education and Innovation

\$1,000 Accounting Scholarships

Deadline: January 30, 2009

About the Organization

The Arizona CPA Foundation for Education and Innovation influences the choices of high potential students to enter the accounting profession in Arizona. It supports efforts of the Arizona Society of CPAs to attract and prepare individuals with the highest potential for contribution to the accounting profession in Arizona through initiatives in formal education.

About the Scholarships

Monetary scholarships will be awarded to 12 high school seniors. If the following requirements are met, each of the 12 high school seniors will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Scholarship Requirements

- Following high school graduation, recipient must enroll in an Arizona university or community college as a full-time student in the fall semester
- Recipient must designate his or her major in accounting
- Recipient must be a legal U.S. resident and current resident of Arizona
- Complete and submit a scholarship application, required supporting materials and documentation by the specified deadline

Selection Criteria

The Arizona CPA Foundation for Education and Innovation selects scholarship recipients on the basis of the following criteria:

- Academic achievement as documented through the applicant's grade point average, class ranking and standardized test scores
- Community involvement and leadership potential as demonstrated by the student's personal statement and letters of recommendation

Monetary Award

The Arizona CPA Foundation High School Scholarship cannot be paid directly to the recipient. It will be paid to the Arizona university or community college that the recipient is enrolled in.

Supporting Documentation

- A certified high school transcript that contains the student's class rank, GPA, and test scores must be submitted with the attached application. *If your school does not rank students, please note on the application.
- Applicants must submit a personal statement that provides information about their community involvement, career goals and desire to contribute to their community. Applicants should consider the personal statement as the equivalent to an interview. Personal statements must not be more than 2 pages in length.
- A one-page letter of recommendation from one of your teachers or a school official is required. The letter should detail the applicant's background, achievements, leadership abilities and community involvement. Letters should contain personalized information about the applicant. Form letters will be given minimum consideration.

Questions or Comments

Contact Cynthia Figueroa at (602) 324-6847, AZ toll-free (888) 237-0700, ext. 215, or by e-mail cfigueroa@ascpa.com

CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

All of the information provided on this application and in the enclosed letters is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I am currently enrolled and in good standing as a senior in high school and am applying for full-time enrollment to a two- or four-year college for the 2009-2010 academic year and am eligible to receive scholarships granted under the Arizona CPA Foundation Scholarship Program.

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF RECORDS

To comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, permission is hereby given to school officials to release the secondary school record and other requested information for consideration in the Arizona CPA Foundation Scholarship Program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Please attach your personal statement, transcripts and letter of recommendation.

Application must be received by January 30, 2009