



2020 ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CRITERIA AND INSTRUCTIONS

The TXCPA Houston (Houston CPA Society) established a scholarship program whose purpose is to provide scholarship assistance to accounting students who plan to become Certified Public Accountants and enter the accounting profession in Texas.

Criteria:

To be considered for a TXCPA Houston scholarship, a student must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or a legal Texas resident (green card holder).
- Be an accounting major entering their senior year at an accredited four-year college or university, or a graduate student pursuing a masters degree in accounting in an accredited program, or those seeking the additional 30 hours of education to become eligible for a CPA license in Texas. College or university should be located within the Houston CPA Society's thirteen-county membership area.
- File an Application of Intent with the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy (TSBPA). This does not apply to Rice University MACC students.
- Have a GPA of at least 3.25 in accounting and 3.0 overall.
- Have taken a minimum of 12 hours in accounting courses This does not apply to Rice University MACC students.
- Have declared accounting as the major.
- Have been considered a full-time student (at least 12 hours per semester if an undergraduate and 9 hours per semester if a graduate student) immediately prior to the current semester.
- Be a member of the TXCPA Houston. Complimentary TXCPA student membership is available.
- Demonstrate financial need, superior ethics, social responsibility, and high scholastic achievement on campus based on the judgment of accounting faculty.
- Be planning to continue in an educational program at the university through the Fall semester of 2020.

Instructions:

1. Official transcripts from colleges or universities, where the applicant is currently and was previously enrolled, must be submitted with this application.
2. A recommendation letter from the professor or person in charge of the accounting or business program at the institution where applicant is presently enrolled must accompany this application, as well as signing the application form.
3. Send this application, the official transcript, verification that the application of intent has been received by Texas State Board of Public Accountancy (TSBPA), and the letter of recommendation to the TXCPA Houston. (see last page for the address.)
4. **DUE DATE:** All items – the completed application form, TSBPA receipt of Application of Intent, transcripts from colleges and universities attended and presently attending, and a letter of recommendation must be received by the Houston CPA Society no later than ~~Monday, February 24, 2020.~~ **Friday, May 22, 2020.**
5. The TXCPA Houston and the Scholarship Committee reserve the right to refrain from awarding scholarships in the event applicants do not meet the desired qualifications.
6. Students receiving scholarship awards are expected to participate in TXCPA Houston activities when possible.



2020 ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please type or print in black ink.)

1) Name: _____ Male Female
Last First Middle or Maiden

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

2) Current Address: _____
Street City State ZIP

3) Permanent Address (if different): _____
Street City State ZIP

4) Are you a legal resident of Texas - either a U.S. citizen or Green Card holder?
If not, explain in item #19 below Yes _____ No _____

5) Are you a student member of the TSCPA/ Houston CPA Society? Yes _____ No _____

How did you hear about this Scholarship? _____

6) College or University
In which presently enrolled: _____ Student ID No. _____

In which previously enrolled: _____

7) Total credit hours (all subjects) for which you are or will be enrolled during the following semesters:

Fall 2019 _____ Spring 2020: _____ Summer 2020: _____ Fall 2020: _____

8) Classification in the Fall 2020: Junior Senior 5th Year Graduate Other: _____

9) Total credit hours earned through Fall 2019: _____ GPA: _____

Accounting hours earned: _____ Accounting GPA: _____

10) Degree(s) sought: _____

11) Expected graduation date for above degree(s): _____

12) Application of Intent to sit for CPA Exam has been made with Texas State Board of Public Accountancy (TSBPA)
Yes _____ No _____

If Application of Intent has not been made, what is the reason for waiting?

13) Current work schedule: include hours worked per week. Full-time _____ Part-time _____

14) Employment History: provide employment history. List full-time and part-time jobs, including internships. List most recent job first.

Employer: _____ Supervisor: _____

Company address: _____ Phone: _____

Nature of work: _____

Employed from: _____ to _____

Employer: _____ Supervisor: _____

Company address: _____ Phone: _____

Nature of work: _____

Employed from: _____ to _____

Employer: _____ Supervisor: _____

Company address: _____ Phone: _____

Nature of work: _____

Employed from: _____ to _____

15) Scholarships received, including year and amount: _____

16) If you are a U.S. Armed Forces Veteran, explain all financial assistance that is provided to you:

17) Do you plan to enter the field of accounting immediately after graduation? Yes _____ No _____

18) If you do not, what do you plan to do? _____

19) List your extracurricular activities, honors, awards, and campus or organizations in which you participate.

20) Indicate what your career goal is, including why you were attracted to the field of accounting or business, what it is about the profession that interests you, your financial need, and why you should be the recipient of this award. (limit your **typewritten** response to 300 words – you may use a separate page if necessary).

By my signature on this application, I hereby state that I meet all of the requirements for scholarship recipients listed on page one of this application, and that all information given is correct and complete. I give the TXCPA Houston authority to contact any institution, company or individual I have named to confirm that the facts stated are accurate, or for purposes of general reference. I also grant the TXCPA Houston the authority to run a background check if I am selected as a finalist to ensure that I am eligible to become a licensed Texas CPA. If I am selected as a recipient of a TXCPA Houston scholarship, I hereby grant permission for publication of my selection.

DATE: _____ Applicant's Signature: _____

DATE: _____ Faculty Member's Signature: _____

Faculty Member: _____
Name email address

Please send this application, the official transcript, verification of the application of intent, and the letter of recommendation to the address below. This information must be received no later than **May 22, 2020.**

TXCPA Houston
ATTN: Accounting Scholarships Committee
777 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 500
Houston, TX 77056

Phone: 713-622-7733 cspencer@houstoncpa.org

Application is available for download or printing at www.HoustonCPA.org