ILLINOIS CPA SOCIETY

Illinois CPA Society Freshman Scholarships

Illinois CPA Society Freshman Scholarships recognize high school seniors going to college in Illinois in the fall who demonstrate strong academic performance, leadership qualities, financial need, and an interest in majoring in accounting. This scholarship aims to increase awareness of the accounting profession among racial/ethnic minority students and prepare them for success.

Eligibility:

- High school senior going to college in Illinois during the 2021-22 academic year
- Racial/ethnic minority currently underrepresented in the accounting profession (e.g. African American, Hispanic/Latino, etc.)
- Interested in majoring in accounting (completion of a high school accounting course is preferred)
- Have a high school GPA of at least 3.0/4.0 or equivalent

Deadline: May 1, 2021

Please submit this application as an email attachment to scholarships@icpas.org. All applicants will be contacted via email by May 15 with the decision of the scholarship selection committee. If you have any questions, please contact the Illinois CPA Society at (312) 517-7652 or scholarship@icpas.org.

Personal Information

First Name:_____ Last Name: _____

Gender: ◯ Female ◯ Male ◯ Prefer not to answer

Race/Ethnicity: ◯ *Alaskan/Native American* ◯ *White/Non-Hispanic*

◯ *Asian/Pacific Islander* ◯ *Two or more races*

◯ *Black/African American* ◯ *Other:* _____

◯ *Hispanic/Latino*

Permanent Home Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Birthdate: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Personal Email Address (if not above): _____

Academic Information

High School Name: _____

Current High School GPA: _____

I am a senior going to college in Illinois during the 2021-22 academic year: ◯ *yes* ◯ *no*

College you plan to attend for the 2021-22 academic year:

I plan to major in accounting:

◯ *yes* ◯ *no* ◯ *undecided* ◯ *other:* _____

Essay Questions

Please respond to the following essay questions in approximately 150 words.

1. Why are you interested in pursuing a career in accounting?

2. Please explain any special circumstances you feel are relevant to your application (i.e. personal, financial, medical, etc.).

Transcript

Please attach your official or unofficial high school transcript.

Recommendation Letter

The letter of recommendation can come from a current or past teacher, guidance counselor, coach, mentor, boss/supervisor, volunteer/community service manager, etc.

Please attach the letter of recommendation written by someone else, or ask the person to submit the letter by the deadline directly to scholarship@icpas.org.