

AICPA Awards Presented to Members

AICPA/Bea Sanders Innovation in Teaching Award for the First Course Sequence in Accounting

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The intent of this award is to both recognize and disseminate successful practices in the first course sequence in accounting that pique students' interest in accounting and pursuing the CPA profession as a career. Preference will be given to changes in a content segment or a subset of skills rather than a programmatic or curricular change. The winner may be an individual or group of individuals. Faculty member(s) may self-nominate.

The primary criteria will be used to judge submissions is: (1) Ability to pique students' interest in accounting as a career (2) Adaptability for other educational institutions or other situations and (3) Ability to enhance student learning and to help the student learn on his or her own.

The teaching practice may not be a commercial product for which the faculty member has a financial interest.

The pool of candidates will be selected by a Committee from accepted submissions to the Effective Learning Strategies Forums at the AAA Annual Meeting that both address the above noted criteria and are specific to the first course sequence in accounting. The Committee will then contact the candidates to find out if they're willing to format their work in the format necessary for the AICPA Accounting Education Center (AEC) site (this will be required in order for someone to qualify for this award).

This award will be granted once per year. There will be one winner who will be asked to present their work at a concurrent session of the Solomon Colloquium. The winner will have their conference fee for the Colloquium waived and will receive a stipend for their expenses. The award will also be presented at the Colloquium. If the winning submission is for a group, the group will need to appoint one person to go to the Colloquium. If warranted, several submissions (3-5) will also be selected for honorable mention.

Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) Hall of Fame Award

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The AICPA BV Hall of Fame Award, established in 1999, recognizes individuals whose lifetime achievements and contributions have significantly advanced the valuation discipline, and that have enhanced the valuation profession for CPAs. There is no requirement that the Award be given each year and more than one individual may receive the Award in any given year. The

AICPA Business Valuation (BV) Committee puts forth the nominations and the chairperson of the Subcommittee, in consultation with previous BV Hall of Fame recipients and the AICPA BV liaison, determines the recipient(s) of the Award(s). There is no specific deadline for nominations, but the nominees must be evaluated sufficiently in advance so that the Award(s) may be available to honor the recipient(s) at the AICPA National Business Valuation Conference, typically held each year in late November or early December.

Arthur J. Dixon Memorial Award

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The Arthur J. Dixon Memorial Award is the highest award given by the accounting profession in the area of taxes. The award was established in 1982 in memory of Arthur J. Dixon, who served as Chair of the Tax Executive Committee from 1977 to 1980. He served the division and the profession with distinction, and was a “tax person’s tax person.” The award is given for distinguished services in the area of taxes in the spirit of Arthur J. Dixon’s professionalism. Tax Executive Committee members and others nominate candidates who are reviewed by a task force consisting of the last three award winners, the Tax Executive Committee chair and the Vice President-Taxation. The task force selects up to two candidates, and reports its recommendations directly to the Tax Executive Committee. The Tax Executive Committee decides whether the award will be presented and, if so, to whom. The award is usually presented at the Fall Tax Division Meeting.

Business Valuation Volunteer of the Year Award

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The AICPA Business Valuation Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes individuals that have, during service as AICPA committee, subcommittee or taskforce members, through their extraordinary efforts during the last twelve (12) months, advanced the AICPA’s Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) credential. There is no requirement that the Award be given each year and more than one individual may receive the Award in any given year. The AICPA Business Valuation (BV) Committee puts forth the nominations and the chairperson of the Subcommittee, in consultation with previous BV Hall of Fame recipients and the AICPA BV liaison, determines the recipient(s) of the Award(s). There is no specific deadline for nominations, but the nominees must be evaluated sufficiently in advance so that the Award(s) may be available to honor the recipient(s) at the AICPA National Business Valuation Conference, typically held each year in late November or early December.

Distinguished Achievement in Accounting Education Award



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This award is designed to recognize full-time college accounting educators distinguished for excellence in teaching and for national prominence in the accounting profession. The award has the dual function of extending profession-wide recognition to the recipient as well as promoting role models in academe. The nominee must be a current full-time or recently retired (within the past five years) accounting educator at a post-secondary educational institution; must be distinguished for excellence in classroom teaching; must be involved in curriculum development; must be contributing to the accounting profession; and must exemplify the philosophy of the CPA Vision. Educators who are noted for their teaching abilities but are now primarily involved in administration or research are eligible for the award. The nominee need not be a CPA or hold a doctoral degree. State CPA societies and individuals other than themselves submit nominations for the annual award. The deadline for submitting completed nomination packages is February 1. The award is presented at the AICPA Spring Meeting of Council.

Forensic and Litigation Services Volunteer of the Year Award

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The AICPA Forensic and Litigation Services Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes individuals that have, during service as AICPA committee, subcommittee or taskforce members, through their extraordinary efforts during the last twelve (12) months, advanced the AICPA's efforts in the practice areas of Forensic Accounting and Litigation Services. There is no requirement that the Award be given each year and more than one individual may receive the Award in any given year. The AICPA Forensic and Litigation Services Committee puts forth the nominations and the chairperson of the Committee, and the AICPA FLS liaison, determines the recipient(s) of the Award(s). There is no specific deadline for nominations, but the nominees must be evaluated sufficiently in advance so that the Award(s) may be available to honor the recipient(s) at the AICPA National Fraud and Litigation Conference, typically held each year in late September or early October.

Gold Medal Award for Distinguished Service

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This award is given for recognition of a CPA whose influence on the profession as a whole is distinguished when compared with other contemporary leaders. Nominations are sought from members of the Awards Committee, recent past chairs of the Institute's Board of Directors, past award winners, management staff of the AICPA, and other knowledgeable sources. Selection criteria include quality and length of service, motivation, and influence and personal attributes.



Established in 1944. The Awards Committee meets prior to Spring AICPA Meeting of Council to review nominations. Winner(s) is/are announced at the Fall AICPA Meeting of Council. Nominations are submitted each year by December 15.

Joint AICPA/AAA Accounting Literature Award

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This award, sponsored by the AICPA in cooperation with the American Accounting Association, annually recognizes books and/or articles that make an outstanding contribution to accounting literature. Nominated items must have been published within the most recent five years. A committee comprised of representatives from both organizations selects the winner, who receives \$2,500 and an award plaque at the AAA annual meeting. Nominations for the award should be submitted in early January to the chair of the AAA screening committee. The award is presented at the AAA annual meeting in August of that year.

Maximo Mukelabai Award Recognizing a Young CPA's Outstanding Contribution to the CPA Profession

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This award, sponsored and awarded by the AICPA, is given to a CPA under the age of 40, in recognition of outstanding service towards the advancement, stewardship and promotion of the accounting profession and selfless contributions to their community.

The intent of this award is to recognize a Young CPA that demonstrates an unwavering commitment as demonstrated through their successful practices, involvement and contributions for the interest of the accounting profession. The award will be given to an individual and can be nominated by a peer, AICPA staff, employer or State Society liaison. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

The primary criteria will be used to judge submissions are: (1) Demonstrates passion and eagerness to encourage and pique students' interest in accounting as a career (2) Contributes recommendations, best practices towards improving processes and/or activities (3) Performance in committee and/or other volunteer activities that relate to the engagement and advancement of the profession (4) Involvement in community based organizations to improve the lives of citizens.

Nominees must be an AICPA and state CPA society member. The award will be considered annually by the Young CPA Committee, but will not necessarily be awarded each year. No more than one individual can receive the award annually. A description of Maximo Mukelabai's contributions to the profession will accompany the award. Nominations to be submitted each year by May 15.



Applications will be reviewed and final awardee determined by the Young CPA Committee. The award will be granted at a meeting of the AICPA Board of Directors, the E.D.G.E. conference, or another prominent AICPA event.

The awardee will be reimbursed for travel expenses to the award presentation and receive an appropriate award plaque or obelisk trophy. Expense will be covered by the Young CPA Committee budget. A press release announcing the award will be distributed to the awardee's state society, news media and posted on the AICPA website.

Medal of Honor

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To recognize an individual who is not a CPA whose work has had a significant impact on the profession. The medal is the equivalent of the Gold Medal for Distinguished Service. This medal is awarded occasionally. AICPA staff members cannot be considered while actively employed by the AICPA. Established in 1980. The Awards Committee meets prior to the AICPA Spring Meeting of Council to review nominations. Winner is announced at the AICPA Spring or Fall Meeting of Council. Nominations are submitted each year by December 15.

Outstanding CPA in Government Career Contribution Award

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This award recognizes the achievements of CPAs employed in government and promotes the CPA designation as the premier professional credential for accounting, auditing, and finance professionals in government. The AICPA Members in Government Committee will accept nominations from state CPA societies, AICPA or state CPA society members-at-large, federal, state, or local government agencies, or other professional associations. Nominations are accepted from **all** levels of government - local, state and federal and one winner will be selected from **each** level. Nominees must be an AICPA or state CPA society member employed in the appropriate level of government for the current award year. Government employees who have been retired for less than one year are also eligible. Nominations for the award are due by April 30 but has been extended to May 31. The award is presented at the annual AICPA National Governmental Accounting and Auditing Update Conference.

Outstanding CPA in Government Impact Award

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This award recognizes CPAs working in federal, state and local government who have contributed significantly to increased efficiency and effectiveness of government organizations and to the growth and enhancement of the CPA. Current or recent accomplishments (3-5 years) are the focus of this award.

Outstanding Discussion Leader Award

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This award recognizes the discussion leaders that achieve the highest overall instructor knowledge and presentations scores leading AICPA seminars nationwide. Typically there are several winners each year. Recipients are eligible for the award after teaching four different courses at least two or more times during the CPE year (May-April). Minimum overall instructor knowledge/presentation skills scores are 4.80 on a 5.0 scale. Plaques and other recognition items are given to the award winners each year.

PFP Distinguished Service Award

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This award is given in recognition of years of volunteer service to advance the efforts of CPAs in practicing personal financial planning, and, specifically, to increase recognition of the Personal Financial Specialist (PFS) specialty accreditation. Nominees must be a member of the Personal Financial Planning Division of the AICPA and cannot have been chair of the PFP executive committee within the last five years. The winner is selected by staff of the PFP Team and members of the PFP executive committee. The award is presented at the annual AICPA PFP Technical Conference. No specific deadline is given for nominations, but the winner must be chosen enough in advance to have the certificate printed in time to be presented at the PFP Technical Conference.

Public Service Award for Firms

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This award honors one firm who has demonstrated outstanding public service activities from among a select field of candidates, each of whom have been nominated by AICPA members or state societies. The AICPA Awards Committee reviews all applications three months prior to the AICPA Spring Meeting of Council and selects three finalists. This twice-narrowed, carefully screened group is then presented to a panel of three judges drawn from public life. Judges are asked to submit their recommendation several weeks after receiving the background



information. The winner of this award is recognized at the AICPA Spring Meeting of Council. The deadline for nominations is the end of October each year.

Public Service Award for an Individual

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This award honors one candidate who has demonstrated outstanding public service activities from among a select field of candidates, each of whom have been nominated by AICPA members or state societies. The AICPA Awards Committee reviews all applications (about 50) approximately three months prior to the AICPA Spring Meeting of Council and selects three finalists. This twice-narrowed, carefully screened group is then presented to a panel of three judges drawn from public life. Judges are asked to submit their recommendation several weeks after receiving the background information. The winner of this award is recognized at the AICPA Spring Meeting of Council. The deadline for nominations is the end of October each year.

Special Recognition Award

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Given to an individual who has performed or contributed to the success of a particular project or initiative - contributions of an outstanding nature. Given the nature of the project initiative, there could be more than one individual receiving the award. The award is given when such projects or initiatives warrant special recognition. The recipient does not have to be a CPA. Nominations are submitted each year by December 15.

Tax Division Distinguished Service Award

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For outstanding current contribution to the tax division. Recipient(s) are chosen by a task force of the Tax Executive Committee members, with one each in his or her first, second, and third year, and the VP Tax. It is awarded annually and could be more than one recipient for a year. The individual must be a current Tax Division appointed member and must have made a substantial contribution to the Tax Division's work product through an extraordinary personal effort. Nominations are received from TEC, chairs, and staff. Plaque(s) awarded at the Spring Tax Division Meeting.

Tax Division Public Service Award



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For outstanding leadership in providing public service in the tax area. Recipient(s) are chosen by the Award Task Force of Tax Executive Committee members, with one each in his or her first, second, and third year, and the VP Tax. Firm or individual (must be Tax Section member). The individual must have made a significant contribution that provides meaningful tax help to a substantial number of members of the community. Nominees are solicited from Section, Division, and staff. It is awarded annually and there could be more than one recipient for a year. Plaque awarded at the Spring Tax Division Meeting.

Sidney Kess Award for Excellence in Continuing Education

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Presented by the Steering Committee for the AICPA Conference on Tax Strategies for the High-Income Individual, the award recognizes individual CPAs who have made significant and outstanding contributions in tax and financial planning and whose public service exemplifies the CPA profession's values and ethics.