



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
AICPA SCHOLARSHIP FOR MINORITY ACCOUNTING STUDENTS
 2008 – 2009 Academic Year

Scholarship Overview: The AICPA Scholarship for Minority Accounting Students program provides financial awards to minority students who show significant potential to become Certified Public Accountants. Scholarship funding is provided by the AICPA Foundation through the contributions of members, professional services firms and others. Scholarship awards are to be used for expenses that relate directly to school expenditures: tuition and fees, housing, meal plan, books and materials.

Payment and Renewals: Range of \$1,500 – \$5,000 per academic year. Payment is sent directly to the school for credit to the account of the student. Renewal applicants should not fill out this application. Instead, they will be sent a brief form to be considered for a renewal award.

Deadline: June 2, 2008 (postmarked)

Selection Process: Applicants are evaluated based on demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, leadership, commitment to pursuing the CPA designation, and financial need. All applicants will be notified of the final selection by August 1, 2008.

Accounting Scholars Leadership Workshop: Scholarship recipients are strongly encouraged to attend a 2½-day student conference, which will take place in late May or early June 2009. AICPA will cover all expenses.

Questions: Please refer to the AICPA Diversity Web site at www.aicpa.org/diversity or contact the AICPA by e-mailing MIC_Programs@aicpa.org or calling (919) 402-4931.

Eligibility requirements vary based on graduate/undergraduate status.

PLEASE INITIAL NEXT TO EACH REQUIREMENT TO VERIFY THAT YOU MEET THE REQUIREMENT.	INITIAL
1. I am a full-time undergraduate (12 semester hours or equivalent) or graduate (9 semester hours or equivalent) student. <i>An exception is made for students completing their final semester of study.</i>	
2. <i>Undergraduate:</i> I am a declared accounting major (indicated on your transcript; otherwise, obtain a signed letter from your department or school of business indicating your major). OR <i>Graduate:</i> I have been accepted to a masters-level accounting, finance, taxation or other related masters-level program for the 2008-2009 academic year.	
3. I have completed at least 30 semester hours (or equivalent) of college coursework, including at least 6 semester hours (or equivalent) in accounting.	
4. I am Black or African American; Hispanic or Latino; Asian; American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander; or of two or more races.	
5. I have maintained at least a 3.3 GPA (major and cumulative).	
6. I am not presently a CPA but intend to pursue the CPA credential.	
7. I am an AICPA Student Affiliate member (or have recently submitted a new member application). <i>Membership application and information is available at http://ceae.aicpa.org/Memberships If you are currently applying for AICPA student membership, please attach a copy of your membership application.</i>	
8. I am a U.S. citizen or permanent resident (green-card holder).	

Name: _____



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Application Materials: Complete and eligible applications will include the materials listed below. Documents should be submitted in **one** envelope (no staples, please).

PLEASE INITIAL NEXT TO EACH ITEM TO VERIFY THAT YOU HAVE INCLUDED THE ITEM IN YOUR APPLICATION PACKET.	INITIAL
1. A completed application form	
2. Official current academic transcript(s) from post-secondary school(s) attended (through the fall term 2007) <i>You must request that your university's registrar forward the transcript directly to you. Original official certified transcripts must include school stamp, embossed seal or authorized school official signature. Copies will not be accepted.</i>	
3. <i>Undergraduate Students:</i> Letter of acceptance from school if you are transferring to a 4-year institution in Fall 2008 <i>Graduate Students:</i> Letter of acceptance of the graduate program if you will be enrolled for the first time in Fall 2008	
4. A Financial Aid Worksheet (FAW), completed by your school's financial aid office (school's 9-digit Federal Tax ID number REQUIRED)	
5. One-page, typed essay <i>Discuss how becoming a CPA will enhance your educational and career goals, and detail your strategy for meeting the qualifications necessary to obtain a CPA license (include reference to 150-hour requirement, CPA Exam preparation and internships, if applicable).</i>	
6. One letter of recommendation <i>Letter of recommendation should be from either a CPA or a faculty member who can speak knowledgeably of your professional and academic experience. Recommendations from faculty members must be written on department stationery; CPAs must include state of licensure and number.</i>	

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

In submitting this application, I hereby agree to the terms below and certify the following:

- (1) I have met **ALL** eligibility requirements of this scholarship program and all information provided on this application and supporting documents are correct, complete and accurate. I acknowledge that misrepresentation of the information presented may be grounds to rescind the scholarship award. I also agree to inform the AICPA of any significant changes to that information.
- (2) I recognize that the purpose of this scholarship is to assist my pursuit of becoming a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and that I am currently pursuing that designation.
- (3) I will use the proceeds of any AICPA scholarship aid received for the payment of tuition, fees, room and board and/or books and materials only.
- (4) I understand that the AICPA will want to continue to track my progress to becoming a CPA. I will maintain contact with the AICPA by providing an update on my standing, including sections taken and/or passed of the CPA Exam.
- (5) I understand that the AICPA posts scholarship recipients' names on its Web site and shares information with state CPA societies, universities and others. (Further information about the AICPA's Privacy Policy is available at www.aicpa.org/privacy.htm).
- (6) I further acknowledge and agree that all decisions of the AICPA with regard to eligibility and/or scholarship awards are final and I agree to abide by any such decisions.

DEADLINE: JUNE 2, 2008
 Return all application materials in **one envelope** (no staples, please) to:
AICPA SCHOLARSHIP FOR MINORITY ACCOUNTING STUDENTS
 American Institute of CPAs – Team 331, 220 Leigh Farm Road, Durham, NC 27707

Name: _____



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CONTACT INFORMATION

CONTACT INFORMATION	
Name:	
E-mail address:	
Phone number:	
Permanent Address: Street Address City, State, Zip	
Summer 2008 Address: <i>(if different from permanent address)</i> Street Address City, State, Zip	

APPLICANT PROFILE

ACADEMIC PLANS FOR THE 2008 - 2009 SCHOOL YEAR:

NAME OF SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND	DEGREE	MAJOR(S)	EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE

Check here if your school is a: Historically Black College & University (HBCU)
 Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI)

LIST ALL OF THE POST-SECONDARY SCHOOLS YOU HAVE ATTENDED, STARTING WITH THE MOST CURRENT SCHOOL FIRST.

DATES		NAME OF SCHOOL	DEGREE <small>(AA, BA, BS, MBA, etc.)</small>	MAJOR(S)	GPA	
From	To				Overall	Acctg.

Name:



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APPLICANT PROFILE (cont'd.)

Please identify your classification as of September 2008:

- (1) Sophomore (2) Junior (3) Senior (4) 5th-Year Senior
 (5) Graduate Year 1 (6) Graduate Year 2 (7) Other (specify) _____

Are you a FULL-TIME or PART-TIME (final semester of study only) student?

Total hours of accounting that will be completed by the end of spring term 2008: _____

Check One: Semester Hours Quarter Hours

Have you sat for any parts of the CPA Exam? _____ List parts passed: _____

Gender (check one):

- Male Female

Ethnic Group (check one):

- Black or African American Hispanic or Latino Asian American Indian or Alaska Native
 Hawaiian Native or Other Pacific Islander Two or more races

AICPA Student Affiliate Membership Number: _____

If you have applied and not received your number, please indicate "pending."

Have you attended an AICPA Accounting Scholars Leadership Workshop? Yes No

If yes, which year/city? _____

If you have not attended a past AICPA Leadership Workshop, are you willing to attend? Yes No

List any honors, scholarships or awards you have received while in college. Indicate the granting organization, name of the award and date. Attach a separate list if needed.

List any extracurricular activities or organizations in which you have actively participated while completing your degree. Indicate your role in the organization. Attach a separate schedule if needed.

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2008 - 2009 FINANCIAL AID WORKSHEET

This form must be completed by all students whether or not financial aid is received.

PART I. STUDENT: Complete Part I of the Financial Aid Worksheet (FAW) authorizing the release of information, and submit the form to your Financial Aid Office. Include the FAW in your application packet and return to the AICPA.

Name: _____
First Middle Initial Last

University/College Name: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____
Street Address

City State Zip

I authorize you to release the information requested in Part II.

Student Signature: _____

PART II. FINANCIAL AID OFFICE: Complete Sections A – C and return the form directly to the student in a sealed envelope with a stamp or signature across the flap.

SECTION A: School Contact for Scholarship Payment

Award checks are sent directly to the school to be applied to the student’s account. Should the student be awarded a scholarship, indicate to whom the payment should be sent.

Name: _____ **Title/Department:** _____

Institution Name: _____

Address: _____
Street Address

City State Zip

Telephone Number: () _____ **School Federal Tax ID# (9 digits):** _____

Authorized Signature/Stamp: _____ **Date:** _____

Name: _____



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SECTION B: Estimated Full-Time Student Expenses for Academic Year 2008 - 2009

Tuition	\$	
Fees	\$	
Books and Materials	\$	
Housing (Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and give estimate if student is not residing in university housing)	\$	
Meal Plan (Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and give estimate if student is not participating in meal plan)	\$	
Estimated Personal and Other Expenses	\$	
TOTAL	\$	

Additional Comments:

SECTION C: Please indicate student's sources of assistance for the 2008 - 2009 academic year.
 Include and indicate estimates if actual amounts are not available.

SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE (EXCLUDE LOANS)	AMOUNT
Pell Grant	
SEOG	
SSIG/State Grant	
Other Grants/Scholarships/Assistance (identify)	
TOTAL	

LOAN TYPE(S)	AMOUNT (INCLUDE CURRENT LOANS)
Perkins	
PLUS	
Stafford	
Other Loans (identify)	
TOTAL	