

scholarship

resource guide

how to get your hands on
what everyone wants

If a career as a CPA is right for you, don't let money—or lack of it—get in the way. College scholarships abound, including ones just for accounting majors—and you don't have to be Einstein or an all-star hero to tap into these resources.

Business & Accounting Majors

Focus your search. Although there is merit to competing for general scholarships, it's to your advantage to tailor your search to what makes you unique. Here are some opportunities specifically for business and accounting majors.

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants offers several scholarships of its own, and a substantial list of scholarships sponsored by other organizations.

- <http://ceae.aicpa.org/Resources/Scholarships+and+Awards/>

Beta Alpha Psi scholarships range from \$250 to \$1,000, with an extensive list of other available scholarships.

- www.bap.org

Click “Scholarships” on the left-hand menu.

The National Society of Accountants awards dozens of scholarships each year.

- www.nsacct.org

Select “NSA Scholarship Foundation” from the icon on the left.

The Government Finance Officers Association offers scholarships ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000.

- www.gfoa.org

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California Society of CPAs' member donations fuel more than \$300,000 annually for California college and university students. Scholarships are awarded statewide and locally by chapters.

- www.calcpa.org

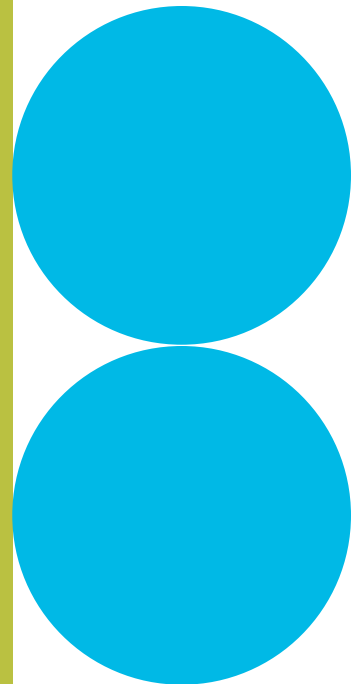
Click on “Your Career,” then click “Students.”

You will find our Scholarship Guide on the next web page.

The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners annually awards 15 scholarships of \$1,000 each.

- www.acfe.com

Choose “Membership and Certification” from the top menu, then click on “ACFE Student Resources” and you will find scholarship listings at the bottom of that page.



Women

During the past 60 years, women have changed the face of accounting. Today, approximately 60 percent of new accounting graduates are women. This represents a dramatic increase compared with 1950, when there were only 600 female CPAs nationwide. Several scholarship opportunities await women interested in pursuing a career in accounting.

The American Society of Women Accountants **awards several need-based scholarships for accounting students at a regional level.** Call (800) 326-2163 to find the chapter nearest you.

- www.aswa.org

The American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants **also offers scholarships, locally and nationally.**

- www.awscpa.org

A link to the scholarships is in the left-hand side navigation.

ASWA's Educational Foundation for Women in Accounting **grants awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$16,000.** For details, call (610) 407-9229.

- www.efwa.org

A link to scholarship listings is front and center on the homepage.

Scholarship Searches

The following are sites that will help you search for general scholarship opportunities at no cost. While they are not as focused as some of the above scholarship listings, they draw on large databases with large amounts of money to offer.

Collegeboard.com **is a search engine pulling from 2,300 sources of college funding, totaling nearly \$3 billion in aid.** The site will require you to fill out a questionnaire to find the scholarship that matches your needs. The more information you can provide, the better.

- http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp

Minorities

Millions of scholarship dollars are available to ethnic minorities annually, and many are geared toward students majoring in business or accounting.

AICPA scholarships for minority accounting students offer awards ranging from \$1,500 to \$5,000.

- www.aicpa.org/members/div/career/mini/smas.htm

The National Association of Black Accountants **awards dozens of national scholarships annually, ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000.**

- www.nabainc.org

Search "Scholarship Programs"

The Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting **grants awards based on academic achievement, financial need and community involvement and has a total of \$150,000 in scholarships available.** Individual awards range from \$1,250 to \$5,000.

- www.alpfa.org

Select "Students" link on the homepage and scholarship information is available on the top right of the next page.

The Latino Business Professionals **group has a scholarship program in place for high school students looking to attend school in northern California.**

- www.lbpbayarea.org

The Consortium for Graduate Study in Management **awards merit-based, full-tuition fellowships to America's best and brightest minority candidates.**

- www.cgsm.org/about/index.asp

Collegeanswer.com **boasts a scholarship database that contains more than 2.4 million scholarships worth more than \$15 billion.** The service lets you store your information on the site so you can return to your search at any time.

- www.collegeanswer.com


Click on "Scholarship Search on right-hand side.

Scholarships.com **is associated with the National Scholarship Providers Association, <http://scholarshipproviders.org>,** and allows you to sort your results by deadline, dollar amount or relevancy. The site's scholarship database is 3,000 sources strong, offering a total of \$3 billion.

- www.scholarships.com

Other free, scholarship-focused internet search services include:

- www.fastweb.com
- www.free-4u.com
- www.findtuition.com
- www.college-scholarships.com

Scholarship opportunities come and go. Many are not offered every year and, in fact, may be offered only once. So, it's best to go to the people in the know: your high school counselor, college or university's financial aid office or department adviser for your major. Tapping into these resources first will give you an edge on accurate scholarship information—as well as direct you to those scholarships that you're most likely to be interested in. Good luck! 

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