



SAN DIEGO CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PURPOSE

- To promote the future of the CPA profession.
- To provide financial support to meritorious students and educators in the San Diego Chapter region. Student winners will receive a scholarship ranging from \$500 to \$4,500.
- To enhance CalCPA's visibility at colleges and universities with students and professors.
- To support student memberships and eventual licensure as a CPA.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Eligible scholarship applicants include degree seeking undergraduate or graduate students who are: (1) enrolled in at least 9 quarter units or 6 semester units, and (2) have at least one quarter/semester remaining in their academic program. Students attending Community College with the intent to transfer to a four-year institution are also eligible.
- Consideration of applicants is based on merit and community/university service or leadership. Students must be attending a university/college in the San Diego Chapter region and meet the criteria in one of the scholarship categories.
- Students must be a member of CalCPA or agree to join CalCPA as a student member.

DUE DATE

Completed scholarship applications must be returned to the committee chair on or before the later of February 28, or the date specified on the current year application.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP 2-YR COLLEGE AND EXTENSION PROGRAMS

- Have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement by attaining a minimum 3.0 GPA average
- Be an accounting or equivalent major, expecting to transfer to a university and declare a intent to become a CPA if attending a two-year college. Have the intent to enter the accounting profession if enrolled in an extension program.
- Have demonstrated leadership and significant participation in community service, with either campus or off-campus organizations.
- Attending a college/university located within the San Diego Chapter geographic area.
- Be a student member of CalCPA or agree to join CalCPA as a student member.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP: 4-YEAR AND/OR GRADUATE SCHOOL

- Have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement by attaining a minimum 3.0 GPA average.
- Be an accounting or equivalent major and declare intent to become a CPA.
- Have taken at least one upper division accounting course and be enrolled in one other accounting course.
- Have at least one quarter/semester remaining in their academic program. Have demonstrated leadership and significant participation in community service, with either campus, or off-campus organizations.
- Attending a college/university located within the San Diego Chapter geographic area.
- Be a student member of CalCPA or agree to join CalCPA as a student member.

NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

Students will be accepted for need-based scholarships on a case-by-case basis. Need-based scholarships are intended for students with a compelling need for financial aid beyond that of students who normally apply for the chapter's academic scholarships. Factors that may indicate a compelling need for financial aid include:

1. The student is receiving little or no financial support from his or her parents, spouse or other family members.
2. The student is supporting other family members, such as a child, spouse or parent.
3. The student is experiencing an unusually difficult financial situation beyond his/her control.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

- The scholarship recipients are announced in March/April.
- The scholarship certificates are presented at the chapter's installation event in late May/early June.
- Scholarship checks are provided when the student provides proof of enrollment for at least 9 quarter/6 semester units the next semester.
- Attendance at either: (1) the CalCPA installation event, or (2) at the SDSU, CSUSM, or USD awards ceremony is required in order to receive a scholarship.

For consideration, the applicant must submit the following:

- Typed essay/personal statement not to exceed one page on educational and career goals.
- Resume.
- Either the CalCPA application ([Completed scholarship application](#) [PDF]) or a substantially equivalent application prepared by the host university.
- Transcripts.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Scholarship application must be received by the later of February 28, or the date specified on the current year application.

Applications must be submitted to:

1. The host university accounting program if the student attends SDSU, CSUSM, USD, or UCSD Extension, or
2. For all other students, either:
The address as stated on the current year application, or
California Society of CPAs
San Diego Chapter Scholarship Committee
4901 Morena Blvd., #101
San Diego, CA 92117-3366

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND USES

- The chapter will consider providing broader scholarly support to colleges and universities such as:
 1. Funding fellowship or research grants that provide funding to accounting educators.
 2. Funding teaching assistant or grant assistant positions.
 3. Other innovative means of supporting accounting education.

GRANTS AND OTHER FUNDING

The scholarship committee will review requests for special project grants or other requests for accounting education purposes on a case-by-cases basis. Projects will then be recommended to the chapter board of directors for funding.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS

Until amended by the San Diego Chapter Board of Directors, the annual allowed scholarship amounts will be:

\$4,500	Chapter Academic Scholarships allocated to USD – amounts of individual scholarships determined by school
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\$4,500	Chapter Academic Scholarships allocated to CSUSM – amounts of individual scholarships determined by school
\$2,700	Chapter Academic Scholarships allocated to UCSD – amounts of individual scholarships determined by CalCPA
\$3,000	Chapter Academic Scholarships allocated to public WASC accredited junior colleges, \$500 per person
\$2,000	Chapter Academic Scholarships allocated to private WASC accredited schools, \$500 per person
\$2,000	Need-based Scholarships, per person

Questions? Contact program associate Cindy Holcomb at (858) 581-2541 or email cindy.holcomb@calcpa.org. You may also contact committee chair Tom Dalton at Dalton@sandiego.edu.