

Iowa Society of CPAs

Iowa CPA Education Foundation Scholarship

The vision of the Foundation is “To support the future of the profession by providing scholarships and financial assistance to individuals who want to become certified public accountants and provide financial education in the state of Iowa.”

Overview

The Iowa CPA Education Foundation provides scholarships up to \$2,500 to Iowa college students pursuing an accounting degree with the goal of becoming an Iowa CPA. Each educational institution has an Iowa Society of CPAs (ISCPA) faculty liaison who will select ONE application per school for consideration.



Eligibility Requirements

Eligible applicants must meet or complete the following:

- Attend an NCA and/or AACSB-accredited educational institution in Iowa during the next academic year (Fall 2026).
- Be an Iowa resident or intend to work in Iowa following graduation.
- Have not taken the CPA exam, but plan to take the exam and be licensed in Iowa.
- Have a 3.0 GPA or better.
- Have completed at least 60 semester hours of college credit, including 15 semester hours in accounting by the end of the upcoming fall semester. (Does include principles of accounting.)
- Confirm your intent to take the CPA exam and work toward an Iowa CPA license.
- Be a student affiliate member of the ISCPA. Student affiliate membership is free and can be completed at www.iacpa.org/join.

Application Process

Any student meeting the eligibility requirements may apply for a scholarship as follows:

- Complete the prescribed scholarship application.
- Provide an essay (500 words or less) describing how you want to use the CPA credential in your accounting career. If the next academic year will involve attendance at another institution to meet the academic requirements to take the CPA examination, discuss how that transition is expected to unfold.
- Provide a personal resume including work experience, internships and extracurricular activities.
- Provide transcript(s) to support completion of the semester hour requirements.
- Submit the application, essay, resume and transcripts to the faculty liaison to the Iowa Society of CPAs.
- The faculty liaison will select ONE application per school for scholarship consideration.
- The faculty liaison will submit a cover letter with the application package to the ISCPA (see checklist), which identifies the student selected and additional comments about the student are encouraged.
- Applications must be received or postmarked by 5 p.m. on April 1. Late applications will not be accepted.
- Questions may be directed to Carrie Steffen, ISCPA CEO at 515-985-7103/800-659-6375 or csteffen@iacpa.org.
- The faculty liaison and student will be notified if the student from their institution has been selected for a scholarship.
- The scholarship funds will be sent to the institution to be used for the student's tuition.

Iowa CPA Education Foundation Scholarship Application

Personal Information:

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Iowa Resident: Yes No

Permanent home address: _____

Student affiliate member of the Iowa Society of CPAs: Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

If so, explain: _____

Recommending faculty liaison:

School Name: _____

Address: _____

Faculty Liaison Name: _____

Email: _____

Intent to take the CPA examination: I, _____, am a college student pursuing an accounting degree with a goal of becoming a CPA in the future. I intend to take the CPA exam conducted by the Iowa Accountancy Examining Board for the purpose of earning an Iowa Certified Public Accountant certificate.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Checklist for a Scholarship Application Package:

- _____ Cover letter from faculty liaison.
- _____ All sections of the Iowa CPA Education Foundation Scholarship Application.
- _____ Essay (500 words or less) describing how they want to use the CPA credential in their accounting career and attendance at another institution, where applicable.
- _____ Personal resume.
- _____ Required academic transcript(s).

The faculty liaison will submit the cover letter, completed application, essay, personal resume and required transcript(s) in a PDF format to Carrie Steffen, CEO, Iowa Society of CPAs, 1415 28th St., Ste. 450, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266-1419 or iacpa@iacpa.org by the deadline. Late applications will not be accepted.

Educational Institution Contacts

Educational Institution	Professor or Liaison
Briar Cliff University 3303 Rebecca St Sioux City, IA 51104-2324	Mark Rossi
Buena Vista University 610 W 4th St Storm Lake, IA 50588-1713	Beth Blankers
Central College 812 University St Pella, IA 50219-1999	Maggie Schlerman
Clarke University 1550 Clarke Dr Dubuque, IA 52001-3199	Jody Wolfe
Coe College 1220 1st Ave NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402-5092	Carrie Melcher
Des Moines Area Community College 2006 S Ankeny Blvd Ankeny, IA 50023-8995	Lisa Lockard
Dordt College 498 4th Ave NE Sioux Center, IA 51250-1697	Randy Smit
Drake University Aliber Hall 2507 University Ave Des Moines, IA 50311-4505	Kelley Ellis
Ellsworth Community College 1100 College Ave Iowa Falls, IA 50126-1115	Ted Lewis
Graceland University 1 University Pl Lamoni, IA 50140-1641	Jacques Hendieh
Grand View University 1200 Grandview Ave Des Moines, IA 50316-1529	Rob Ruisch
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Indian Hills Community College 525 Grandview Ave Ottumwa, IA 52501-1398	Jenny Howk
Iowa Central Community College 1 Triton Cir Fort Dodge, IA 50501-5798	Stacy Johnson

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Iowa Lakes Community College 300 S 18th St Estherville, IA 51334-2725	Lecia Berven
Iowa State University College of Business Gerdin Business Bldg Ames, IA 50011-1350	Dirk Black
Iowa Western Community College 2700 College Rd Box 4-C Council Bluffs, IA 51502-9999	Steve Chain
Kirkwood Community College 6301 Kirkwood Blvd SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404-5260	Sarah Matheny
Loras College 1450 Alta Vista St PO Box 178 Dubuque, IA 52004-0178	Luke Lammers
Luther College Dept of Economics & Business 700 College Dr Decorah, IA 52101-1043	Brittany Cord
Maharishi University of Management 1000 N 4th St Fairfield, IA 52557-0002	Naveed Abbasi
Marshalltown Community College 3700 S Center St Box 430 Marshalltown, IA 50158-9999	Ted Lewis
Morningside College 1501 Morningside Ave Sioux City, IA 51106-1717	Twyla Rosenbaum
Mount Mercy University 1330 Elmhurst Dr NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402-4797	Stephen Gilmour
North Iowa Area Community College 500 College Dr Mason City, IA 50401-7299	Kevin Diehl
Northeast Iowa Community College 10250 Sundown Rd Peosta, IA 52068-9776	Medhanie Mekonnen (Calmar campus) Michael Gau (Peosta campus)
Northwest Iowa Community College 603 W Park St Sheldon, IA 51201-1046	Sheila Drenkow
Northwestern College 101 7th St SW Orange City, IA 51041-1996	Vonda Post
Simpson College Dept of Mgt, Acctg, & Economics 701 N C St Indianola, IA 50125-1297	Mark Juffernbruch

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Southeastern Community College 1500 W Agency Rd West Burlington, IA 52655-1698	Jocelyn Yam
Southwestern Community College 1501 W Townline St Creston, IA 50801-1098	Holly Booth
St Ambrose University 518 W Locust St Davenport, IA 52803-2898	Mike Cipriano
University of Dubuque 2000 University Ave Dubuque, IA 52001-5050	Teri Zuccaro
University of Iowa Henry B Tippie College of Business 108 John Pappajohn Business Bldg Iowa City, IA 52242-1994	Amy McDonald
University of Northern Iowa College of Business Administration Department of Accounting Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0127	Joe Ugrin
Upper Iowa University 605 Washington St PO Box 1857 Fayette, IA 52142-1857	Blair Seim
Wartburg College Dept of Business Admin & Economics 100 Wartburg Blvd Waverly, IA 50677-2215	Eric Sommermeyer
Western Iowa Tech Community College 4647 Stone Ave PO Box 5199 Sioux City, IA 51102-5199	Jennifer McCune
William Penn University 201 Trueblood Ave Oskaloosa, IA 52577-1799	Jay Christensen