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Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Washington, DC college students who meet the criteria listed below are invited to apply for a scholarship award from the GWSCPA Scholarship Fund. Students must be attending a university with an accredited accounting program located in the District of Columbia, meet the application criteria, and submit a completed package by application deadline. For 2015-2016, the GWSCPA Scholarship Fund will award four awards ranging from \$3000-\$4000 each. This includes two special named awards—the Past President’s Award and the Sue Marcum Memorial Award. **The deadline for applications has been extended until April 18, 2016.**

**1) Application criteria**

- a) Accredited college or university located within the District of Columbia
- b) School must offer an accounting degree that qualifies graduates to sit for the CPA exam
- c) Rising senior or above for undergraduate awards
- d) May be entering an accounting-related graduate program for a graduate award
- e) Accounting major having passed at least 9 credit hours in accounting
- f) US citizen (or permanent legal US resident)
- g) 3.2 overall GPA (on a 4.0 scale) or above
- h) Must intend to sit for the CPA exam

**2) Application requirements**

- a) Completed application
- b) Official transcript with current semester course list (if not already listed on transcript)
- c) At least one letter of recommendation from an accounting professor at the school in which the student is enrolled
- d) Resume
- e) Essay limited to 500 words – “The Importance of the CPA Credential to Me”\*
- f) For Past President’s Award – demonstration of leadership qualities through resume, recommendation letter or personal essay.
- g) For Sue Marcum Memorial Award – demonstration of community service through resume, recommendation letter or personal essay
- h) Financial need statement if requesting consideration of financial aid.

*\*The emphasis of the essay is to glean a better understanding of how each candidate came to decide on a career in accounting leading to licensure as a CPA. Essays longer than 500 words will be penalized. Scoring is based on a matrix, established annually by the scholarship committee, and takes all application requirements into consideration.*

For the GWSCPA Scholarship Fund,

*Jenny Herrera, CPA*  
Chair, GWSCPA Scholarship Fund

# **Application Checklist –2016 GWSCPA Scholarship Fund**

*Please use the checklist to ensure your application is complete.*

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## **Application requirements**

- Completed application
- Official transcript
- Letter of recommendation
- Resume
- Essay of 500 words – “The Importance of the CPA Credential To Me”
- Attachments detailing community service experience or leadership qualities (if applying for Sue Marcum Memorial Scholarship or Past President’s Award)
- Financial need statement (if applicable).

## **Application Certification**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that the information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I am eligible to apply for this scholarship according to the eligibility criteria cited on this date. I understand that if I am selected for a scholarship award, I may be asked to verify the information provided.

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*Signature*

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*Date*



## GWSCPA Scholarship Fund Application 2015–2016

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Full Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**College/University** \_\_\_\_\_

**G.P.A.** (official transcript is required) \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Contact Info** (Committee may need to contact candidates with follow up questions during the evaluation process)

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Address** (not the college address)

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you Receive Financial Assistance?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ Financial Package      \_\_\_\_\_ Student Loans

\_\_\_\_\_ Do you have additional financial need? If so, please attach financial need statement of no more than 1-2 paragraphs.

**Academic Year** (*check all that apply*)

- Currently junior-year status or above in an undergraduate program
- Currently a graduate student
- Entering an accounting-related graduate program for the \_\_\_\_\_ semester.
- Are you a member of an underrepresented minority group within the accounting profession (including but not limited to: Black or African American; Hispanic or Latino; Native American; Pacific Islander; or Asian American)

**The application deadline has been extended until April 18, 2016**

Please complete this application – all required fields must be completed in order to be considered. Attach your resume, transcript, recommendation letter, essay, and, if applicable, proof of registration for the upcoming semester and supplemental material. Based on your application package, you may be invited for an interview as part of the application process.

**Return Completed Forms to:**

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