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Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Washington, DC area 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 within a 25 mile radius of the White House (find list on our website), meet the application criteria, and submit a completed package by application deadline. For 2022, the GWSCPA Scholarship Fund will make several awards ranging from \$3,000-\$5,000 each. This includes two special named awards—the Past President’s Award and the Sue Marcum Memorial Award. The deadline for all applications for the year is April 1, 2022.

**1) Application criteria**

- a) Accredited nonprofit college or university located within 25 miles of the White House
- 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 (all requirements must be completed.)**

- a) Completed application form
- 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 currently enrolled
- d) Updated Resume
- e) Essay limited to 500 words – “The Importance of the CPA Credential to Me”
- f) Financial need statement. Please indicate percentage of annual tuition currently covered by financial aid in the form of scholarships and/or loans (i.e. <25%, 50-75%, etc)
- g) For Past President’s Award – demonstration of leadership qualities through resume, recommendation letter or personal essay or additional attachments
- h) For Sue Marcum Memorial Award – demonstration of community service through resume, recommendation letter or personal essay or additional attachments

*A review committee comprised of current GWSCPA members and past scholarship winners will score applications based on the requirements listed above in order to make award recommendations to the Scholarship Committee. Reviewers use a weighted scoring matrix that considers all factors required in application packets.*

For the GWSCPA Scholarship Fund,  
Catherine Pennington, CPA  
2021-2022 President, GWSCPA

## **Application Checklist –2022**

### **GWSCPA Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund**

*Please use the checklist to ensure your application is complete. All materials are to be submitted electronically for FY22. Application can be found at [www.gwscpa.org](http://www.gwscpa.org)*

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#### **Application requirements checklist**

- Completed online application form
- Official transcript uploaded or emailed to [kbedell@gwscpa.org](mailto:kbedell@gwscpa.org)
- Letter of recommendation(s) uploaded or emailed to [kbedell@gwscpa.org](mailto:kbedell@gwscpa.org)
- Resume uploaded
- Essay of 500 words – “The Importance of the CPA Credential to Me” uploaded
- Attachments detailing community service experience for Sue Marcum Memorial Scholarship (if applicable)
- Attachments detailing leadership qualities for Past President’s Award (if applicable)
- Financial need statement