



Minnesota Association of Public Accountants

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Scholarship Application Instructions

2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Minnesota Association of Public Accountants (MAPA) is a professional organization of accountants in public practice who provide accounting and financial statement services for individuals and small business firms. Certified and non-certified accountants are encouraged to apply for membership. The purpose of the Association is to further the knowledge of the practitioner and offer a source of current information and interplay of ideas among professionals.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:

- ◆ Ed Silbernack Memorial Scholarship ~ \$1,000
- ◆ MAPA Scholarships ~ Amount varies, but is generally \$750, and is based on the number of qualified applicants.

WHO CAN APPLY:

- ◆ Undergraduate students entering their sophomore, junior, senior or fifth year and enrolled in a degree program at an accredited 4-year college or university, majoring in accounting with the intention to practice in the field of public accounting, and have at least a 2.5 or better grade point average.
- ◆ Applicants must be U.S. citizens attending a U.S. accredited school and be a Minnesota resident.

WHEN TO APPLY:

- ◆ No later than **November 15, 2023**. See "General Information" for details.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applications and forms may be duplicated for distribution purposes; however, completed applications cannot be submitted by fax or e-mail. To receive consideration, applications must be received no later than **November 15, 2023**.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- ◆ Complete each of the listed questions on this application to the best of your ability. If a question is not applicable to you, please indicate why it is not. Failure to answer any of the questions may constitute a basis for elimination of this application for consideration.
- ◆ Send completed application to MAPA, PO Box 301, Big Lake, MN 55309.
- ◆ All scholarship candidates will be notified if they are selected as a finalist by December 15th. If you are selected as a finalist, you will have 4 weeks to provide MAPA with your official transcript and letter of recommendation. If those items are not received, MAPA reserves the right to select another candidate.
- ◆ *If you are a finalist: Official transcripts must be sent to MAPA from each school attended. Only official transcripts bearing the seal or registrar's signature of the issuing institution will be accepted. Official transcripts may be submitted by the student with the application or submitted directly to MAPA by the issuing institution.

IMPORTANT: APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE POLICY

- ◆ Applications must be signed, dated, and submitted in their original form (*no faxes*) to MAPA to be received no later than the **November 15th** deadline. If you are a finalist in the selection process, you will be notified by December 15th.
- ◆ If selected as a finalist, **supporting documents** will be submitted by the candidate separate from the application. Supporting documentation (official transcript and letter of recommendation) must be received in its original form by MAPA no later than January 15th.
- ◆ MAPA reserves the right to eliminate from consideration unsigned applications or applications otherwise incomplete, including applications without supporting documentations, without further notice to the applicant.

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IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:

- ♦ Every question must be answered. If your response is "not applicable," then you must indicate why it is not.
- ♦ Sign the application.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

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 PO Box 301
 Big Lake, MN 55309

SECTION I

Name: _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Student School Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
 Permanent Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

SECTION II

1. Educational institution in which you are presently enrolled:
 Name of school: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Anticipated date of graduation: _____
 Class in Fall of 2023 (check two): Sophomore Junior Senior Fifth year Full-time Part-time
2. Do you intend to continue your education at this institution? Yes No
 If no, name of school you will attend: _____
3. What is your declared major(s)? _____
 What is your declared minor(s) (if any)? _____

Other Colleges or Universities Attended	Major Field	Degree Earned	Year of Graduation

SECTION III

1. Do you plan to enter the field of public accounting? Yes No
 2. Do you know an accountant who is a MAPA member? Yes No
 If yes, please list his/her name: _____
 3. Describe extracurricular college/community activities. (If none, please explain.) _____

 4. List campus or other organizations, societies, in which you hold membership: _____

 5. References (other than relatives) list name, address, and occupation of each
- | | Name | Address or Email | Occupation |
|----|-------|------------------|------------|
| 1. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
6. Are you a Minnesota resident? Yes No
 7. Are you a citizen of the United States or Canada? Yes No
 8. How did you learn about this scholarship? _____

APPLICANT MUST SIGN HERE

I affirm that all the statements made in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____