



**EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION OF THE
COLORADO SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
Junior, Senior, and Graduate Scholarship Opportunities**

The Educational Foundation of the CSCPA was founded in 1956 to provide scholarships to students interested in an accounting career and expecting to practice this profession in Colorado. Applicants for these scholarships will be expected to exhibit leadership, achievement, and community service in the application process, and exposure to the profession.

Each July, the Educational Foundation awards scholarships to Colorado residents who are upper division accounting majors at Colorado colleges and universities with accredited accounting programs. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible. Scholarships are awarded in July for the fall quarter or semester, or when student completes an upper division accounting course with a 3.0 or better GPA.

SCHOLARSHIPS are \$2,500 each.

WHO MAY APPLY

- 1 Any declared accounting major who has completed at least 6 semester/8 quarter hours of accounting courses. Must attend a Colorado college or university with an accredited accounting program. Online programs are not eligible. Students must enroll in courses equal to 6 semester/8 quarter hours or more for the semester/quarter for which they are applying. Graduate students are eligible if they attest that they plan to pursue an accounting-related career.
- 2, College or university cumulative grade point average must be 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale.
3. Students may apply each year. No preference is given to students who have already received a scholarship.
4. The scholarships will be awarded in July, and funds will be disbursed after the student provides proof that he or she passed an upper division accounting course with a 3.0 or better GPA. Funds are paid directly to the school and may be applied to text books and CPA review materials purchased through the school, tuition and fees, and dormitory room and board. After one year, any remaining funds must be returned to the Educational Foundation.
5. Applicants must be United States citizens or permanent residents, legally living and studying in Colorado with a valid visa that enables them to become employed. Applicants should intend to practice the profession of accounting in Colorado.
6. The **Mark J. Smith Scholarship** is based on academics and financial need. Applicants must display financial need, and special consideration will be given to applicants who either come from a single parent background, or are attending college as a single parent.
7. Due to the restrictions of Colorado Constitutional Amendment 41, the Educational Foundation cannot award scholarships to public officers, members of the Colorado General Assembly, local government officials, government employees, or their spouses or dependent children. These restrictions may not apply to certain home rule counties or home rule municipalities.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete the attached application, adding additional pages as needed.
2. Submit an **official transcript** from the school in which you are currently enrolled that includes your cumulative overall grade point average and calculate your cumulative accounting grade point average. **Applications without transcripts will not be considered. (No two-sided documents please.)**
3. Return the application and required attachments to the CSCPA no later than **June 1** for fall quarter or semester.
4. Applications **will not be** considered without all required information.
5. Scholarship recipients are required to submit their student ID number or social security number prior to processing payment.

The scholarship application is on the CSCPA website at:

<http://www.want2bcpa.com/get-started/cscpa-scholarships.html>

Questions should be directed to the CSCPA office at (303) 773-2877 or (800) 523-9082.



For CSCP A use only – date received

APPLICATION _____
TRANSCRIPT _____

**EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION OF THE
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College and University Upper Division Scholarship Application**

I am applying for: ____ General Scholarship ____ Mark J. Smith Scholarship

(Please print or type)

NAME _____ PHONE (____) _____

ADDRESS DURING SCHOOL YEAR _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Student ID # _____

I am a United States citizen, or non-U.S. citizen legally living and studying in Colorado with a valid visa that enables me to become employed in the United States. ____ YES ____ NO

COLLEGE ATTENDING _____ DATE ENTERED _____

OVERALL GPA ____ ACCOUNTING GPA ____ GRADUATION DATE _____

MAJOR _____ EXPECTED DEGREE _____

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CURRENT STATUS () Junior () Senior () Graduate
() Full Time () Part Time

TOTAL QUARTER/SEMESTER HOURS ENROLLED _____

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT REFERENCE _____

Phone (____) _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ACCOUNTING HOURS COMPLETED Quarter Hours _____ Semester Hours _____

ACCOUNTING HOURS IN PROCESS Quarter Hours _____ Semester Hours _____

HOW ARE YOU FINANCING YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION? (other scholarships, parents, one or more jobs, student loans, etc.) _____

IF APPLYING FOR THE MARK J. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP, PLEASE STATE WHY YOU FIT THE CRITERIA OF A STUDENT FROM A SINGLE PARENT HOME AND BASED ON ACADEMICS AND NEED

OTHER UNIVERSITIES OR COLLEGES ATTENDED

DATES FROM - TO	SCHOOL	CITY/STATE	GRADUATION DATE & DEGREE
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

WHAT CONTACT, IF ANY, HAVE YOU HAD WITH A CPA? _____

WHERE DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP? (Circle all that apply) Professor
Fellow student CPA Society Family member Employer Other _____

LIST THREE REFERENCES (OTHER THAN RELATIVES); INCLUDE NAME, ADDRESS,
PHONE NUMBER, AND PROFESSION OF EACH.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Are you a public officer, member of the Colorado General Assembly, local government
official, government employee, or a spouse or dependent child of such person?

NO _____ YES _____

If YES, provide the following details:

- a. Employer name _____
- b. City and county of employer _____
- c. Position held by employee _____
- d. Relationship of applicant to employee (for example: son, spouse, self) _____

With this information, the Educational Foundation will determine whether the requirements of
Colorado Constitutional Amendment 41, or those of an alternative home rule charter, restrict
your eligibility for an Educational Foundation Scholarship.

Please attach a typed essay, no more than two pages, addressing the following questions.
Scholarship reviewers will look for leadership, achievement, exposure to the profession, and
community service. The essay will also be judged on content, grammar, punctuation,
organization, style, and creativity.

1. Why are you qualified to receive an Educational Foundation Scholarship?
2. How do you plan to use your accounting education? Address how you envision your
future role in the accounting profession.
3. If you do not think your GPA tells the whole story of your scholastic capability/
achievement, please explain.
4. Include employment, community and school activities, awards, honors, and other

- scholarships received..
5. What other information would be helpful to the Selection Committee in making its selections?

The information I have submitted is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

(Any false information will result in retraction of any scholarship awarded.)

Signature_____ **Date**_____

* Student signature authorizes release of student's name and school to the media and for CSCPA publications and web site.

RETURN TO: CSCPA, 7979 E. Tufts Ave., Ste 1000, Denver, CO 80237-2847

QUESTIONS: (303) 773-2877 or (800) 523-9082, www.cocpa.org

DEADLINE: June 1 for fall quarter or semester