

Accounting Education Foundation

Scholarship Program

PURPOSE

The mission of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to individuals enrolled for undergraduate and graduate studies with an emphasis in accounting in community colleges, colleges and universities.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Accounting Education Foundation Scholarship awards scholarships based on a comprehensive process. Areas that are reviewed by the committee include but are not limited to the following: Academic Accomplishments, Community Service, References and Personal Essay. The Accounting Education Foundation pays scholarship funds directly to the recipients. Scholarships are awarded annually in the amount of \$1,000. The Accounting Education Foundation Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. Scholarships awarded are based upon the availability of funds and additional qualifying criteria.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must have permanent residence status in West Virginia.
- Applicants must be accepted as a full-time student at a college or university for the upcoming academic semester.
- Applicants must be at least a 3rd year student majoring in accounting.
- Applicants must join the WVSCPA as a student member (\$20) upon applying for the scholarship.
- Applicants must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States.

TIMELINE

- Applications must be received on or before **March 31, 2026**. Late submissions will not be considered.
- Scholarship recipients will be notified before May.
- Recipients will be recognized at the West Virginia Society of CPAs' Committee Day held in May.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship applicants must provide the following.

- Completed, electronic application with essay question response.
- Résumé.
- Most recent college transcript (unofficial transcripts are accepted).
- Two academic references from your college or university explaining how they know you and why you should receive this scholarship.
- Any questions may be emailed to Elizabeth Birch, CPA at ebirch@feltoncpa.com.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Application is to be typed and completed within the PDF (no handwritten applications).
- Completed application with all required documents are to be submitted in **ONE PDF file**. Reference letters may be emailed directly by the reference if that is their preference, but the letter must be received by the application deadline. If not sent directly by the reference, then letters are to be included within the single PDF file.
- PDF of complete package is to be submitted to **ebirch@feltoncpa.com** on or before the application deadline. Late submissions will not be considered.

AEF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(must be completed by applicant)

Please answer the following questions electronically within the PDF. Do not print and complete a handwritten application.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address:

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Daytime Telephone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Current College or University: _____

Number of years attended: _____ GPA: _____ (On a 4.0 scale)

I will be attending the following school in the next academic school year:

What will your student status be when beginning the next academic school year?

Junior Senior +4 years +5 years

Will you be a full-time student in the next academic school year?

Will you be a commuting student or living on campus?

If you are not living on campus, where will you be living?

ESSAY QUESTION

Please answer the following essay question in 1-2 pages: Why did you choose to become an accounting major and what are your career plans? Please include short and long-term goals and how you want to grow as a professional in the accounting field.

ESSAY QUESTION
(continued if needed)

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

All items must be completed to qualify for the scholarship (no exceptions). Please complete the following checklist to ensure you have everything necessary to submit your application.

Application complete

Essay complete

Two academic reference letters

Résumé – included within this PDF

College transcript – included within this PDF

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the Accounting Education Foundation Committee is true, correct and without forgery.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to Accounting Education Foundation scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the college or university before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The deadline for this application to be electronically received by the Accounting Education Foundation is on or before March 31, 2026.