



WVSCPA Award Descriptions & Award Winners

Outstanding CPA in Business & Industry Award

The Outstanding CPA in Business and Industry Award has two major purposes. The first is to recognize the achievements of individual CPAs employed in business and industry. The second is to promote the CPA designation as the premier professional credential for financial managers in business and industry.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Outstanding CPA in Business and Industry Award, the nominee must be:

- A member in good standing of the WVSCPA employed in business and industry. Nominees may be actively employed, retired, or recognized posthumously, not later than one calendar year after their date of death.
- Distinguished by having made a significant contribution to the growth and success of his/her employer organization or a notable entrepreneurial achievement.
- Distinguished by having made a significant contribution to the growth and enhancement of the profession.
- Nominated by a WVSCPA member in good standing, other than the nominee.

Nominations are due by December 31.

Business & Industry Award Winners

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| 1994 | Dr. William Henry Harmon | 2010 | Edward R. Lincoln |
| 1995 | Richard E. Myers* | 2011 | W. Marston Becker |
| | Nazzi Zola | 2012 | Timothy R. Duke |
| 1996 | John Kinzer | 2013 | Elton Bond |
| 1997 | Douglas E. Cochran | 2014 | Sharon Suppa |
| 1998 | Eugene P. Pawlowski | 2015 | Harold F. Manner |
| 1999 | Robert A. Henson | 2016 | J. Christopher Howat |
| 2000 | Mark A. Chandler | 2017 | Mark A. Morgan |
| 2001 | Robert S. Boone | 2018 | Daniel L. McGowan, Jr. |
| 2002 | Don L. Blankenship | 2019 | Charles (Chuck) F. Oldaker, Jr. |
| | <i>Elected to the AICPA Business and Industry Hall of Fame</i> | 2020 | Richard (Rich) A. Lucas |
| 2003 | H. Charles Maddy, III | 2021 | Lisa L. Mosrie |
| | <i>Elected to the AICPA Business and Industry Hall of Fame</i> | 2022 | Anna K. Neil |
| 2004 | Jonathan C. Elder | | |
| 2005 | J. Ronald Hypes | | |
| 2006 | Dr. William Henry Harmon | | |
| | <i>Elected to the AICPA Business and Industry Hall of Fame</i> | | |
| 2007 | George V. O'Malley | | |
| 2008 | Larry F. Mazza | | |
| 2009 | Robert S. Tissue | | |

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Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor that the WVSCPA can bestow upon a member. The award is to grant recognition to the individual that has provided invaluable services to the Society and has made significant contributions to the profession over the years.

Due to the prestige and the high esteem in which it is held, **the Distinguished Service Award will be given no more frequently than every three years.**

Criteria to be considered in nominating an individual for this award are as follows:

1. A minimum of twenty (20) years actively engaged in the accounting profession.
2. A member of the WVSCPA for a minimum of ten (10) years.
3. Shall have been an outstanding and recognized leader in the WVSCPA and a local chapter of the WVSCPA. As a minimum the individual should have served as an officer and director of a local chapter and as a committee chairperson, officer, and director of the WVSCPA.
4. Shall have demonstrated the above type of outstanding leadership on a consistent basis for a number of years.
5. Shall have been an outstanding and recognized leader in the accounting profession.
6. Shall have been a recognized spokesman for the accounting profession in West Virginia through public appearances, speeches, articles, etc.

For an individual to be considered for this award, the person must be nominated and seconded by either a member of the Board of Directors of the WVSCPA or a past president of the WVSCPA. The nomination must be submitted by an appropriate nominator no later than the January Board of Directors meeting. When considering the nomination of an individual for this award, it should be remembered that this is a very high honor and should only go to a truly outstanding individual.

The selection of an individual for this award will be done by secret vote of the Board of Directors and a nominee must receive affirmative votes from a majority of the directors.

Distinguished Service Award Winners

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| 1974 | Robert S. Maust* |
| 1976 | James M. Arnett* |
| 1977 | Willard H. Erwin, Jr.* |
| 1978 | Douglas H. Tanner* |
| 1979 | Harry Finkelman* |
| 1980 | Louis F. Tanner* |
| 1984 | Stephen D. Tanner* |
| 1989 | Mary R. Neale* |
| 1993 | Brenda T. Green |
| 1993 | Kathy G. Eddy |
| 1996 | Michael C. Paterno* |
| 2000 | Robert R. Simpson, Jr. |
| 2003 | Wallace F. (Jack) Suttle* |
| 2007 | Jack Rossi |
| 2011 | Patricia Moyers |
| 2015 | Horace W. Emery |
| 2018 | David D. Hill |
| 2022 | Edward P. McDonough |

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Life Membership

1. Election to life membership shall be upon approval of the Board of Directors.
2. To be considered for a life membership:
 - Nominee must hold a West Virginia CPA Certificate, original or reciprocal, and be in good standing with the WVSCPA.
 - Nominee must have been a member of the WVSCPA for at least 25 years.
3. Life members shall be exempt of payment of all dues and assessments and shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of membership.

Approved by Board of Directors 1/20/84. Revised by By-law revisions in 2000.

Life Membership Awardees

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|------|-----------------------------|------|----------------------------|
| 1953 | Jesse L. Cramer* | 2011 | Kathy G. Eddy |
| 1953 | Norman Fitzhugh, Sr.* | 2012 | Louis J. Costanzo, III |
| 1953 | Okey Hayslip* | 2013 | Leroy Mabe* |
| 1953 | S. Charles Steele* | 2014 | John S. (Jack) Bodkin, Jr. |
| 1960 | J. Earl Beatty* | 2015 | Mary H. Fischer |
| 1960 | Harry R. Howell* | 2016 | Horace W. Emery |
| 1960 | Louis F. Tanner* | 2017 | David D. Hill |
| 1960 | Robert L. Baughan* | 2017 | Steven S. Robey |
| 1968 | Hobart S. Hutzell* | 2018 | Reed J. Tanner |
| 1974 | Willard H. Erwin, Jr.* | 2019 | Floyd E. Harlow, Jr. |
| 1974 | Donald P. Fleming* | 2019 | Norman C. Mosrie |
| 1982 | M.F. Kirsch* | 2020 | Barry L. Burgess |
| 1984 | Norman S. Fitzhugh, Jr.* | 2021 | Robin M. Baylous |
| 1984 | John W. Bole* | 2022 | Gayle E. Mason |
| 1985 | Michael C. Paterno* | | |
| 1989 | Harry Finkelman* | | |
| 1990 | William M. Ellis, Sr.* | | |
| 1990 | William H. Richardson, Jr.* | | |
| 1991 | William L. Shomo* | | |
| 1992 | William H. McKee* | | |
| 1993 | Glenn W. Hall* | | |
| 1993 | Douglas H. Tanner* | | |
| 1993 | Stephen D. Tanner* | | |
| 1994 | Donald E. Griffin* | | |
| 1997 | Philip P. Cox | | |
| 1998 | James E. Foster | | |
| 1999 | Robert S. Maust* | | |
| 2000 | Clifton L. (Skip) Looney | | |
| 2001 | William W. Gleason | | |
| 2003 | William M. Ellis, Jr.* | | |
| 2004 | Wallace F. (Jack) Suttle* | | |
| 2006 | Paul E. Arbogast | | |
| 2006 | Luca J. Bianco | | |
| 2007 | Robert R. Simpson, Jr. | | |
| 2008 | Victor Grigoraci | | |
| 2008 | Mark E. Richardson | | |
| 2009 | Edward P. McDonough | | |
| 2010 | Jack Rossi | | |

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Merit Award

The Merit Award is given to the individual who, on their first sitting for each of the four parts of the Uniform CPA Examination, makes the highest average passing score on all four parts. The individual must have completed and passed all four parts within twelve months of the date of passing the first part taken. The recipient of the Merit Award must also either live or work in West Virginia to be eligible to receive the award. The WV Board of Accountancy staff provides the name of the winner each year.

Merit Award Winners

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|------|------------------------------|------|------------------------|
| 1957 | Douglas H. Tanner | 2001 | Scott Wooten |
| 1958 | Joseph E. Hall | 2002 | Tasha R. Hartley |
| 1959 | Albert Leroy Maxson (May) | 2003 | Nathaniel S. Bonnell |
| 1959 | E.B. Wood, Jr. (November) | 2004 | None |
| 1961 | Frederick S. Pattison | 2005 | Christopher Lohri |
| 1962 | Brian R. Henderson | 2006 | Matthew Calvert |
| 1964 | Herbert A. Sklenar | 2007 | Jered W. Green |
| 1965 | L. Roland Aberle | 2008 | Tessa M. White |
| 1966 | James R. Barbe (November) | 2009 | Corey N. Slider |
| 1966 | E. Wyatt Friend (November) | 2010 | Charles Matthew Morris |
| 1967 | Jay L. Scott | 2011 | Russel Plywaczynski |
| 1969 | John J. Dillenschneider, Jr. | 2012 | Amy Schmitt |
| 1970 | Robert R. Simpson, Jr. | 2012 | Austin Jones |
| 1971 | David Zinn | 2013 | Alan Wilson |
| 1972 | Alice Williams Kreig | 2014 | Stephanie Davis |
| 1973 | Edward W. Younkins | 2015 | Whitney Merrill |
| 1974 | Edward Mark Doak | 2016 | Aaron J. Souza |
| 1975 | Billy Joe Crum, Jr. | 2017 | William Paul Koontz |
| 1976 | Nicholas G. Lazaris | 2018 | Cailin B. Yoho |
| 1977 | Melinda M. Harper | 2018 | Sarah E. Henderson |
| 1978 | James M. Sturgeon* | 2019 | Ian D. Gillmeister |
| 1979 | William J. Six | 2020 | Venus Hong-Brown |
| 1980 | Martin J. Gargano | 2021 | Jason A. Prince |
| 1981 | Bert A. Stinebaugh | | |
| 1982 | James E. McClure | | |
| 1983 | Ann Colley | | |
| 1984 | Steven James Atkinson | | |
| 1985 | Michael W. McArdle | | |
| 1986 | Mary Amos Burnell | | |
| 1987 | Sylvia Pettit | | |
| 1988 | Janet D. Brunekse | | |
| 1989 | David Petersen | | |
| 1990 | Kandadai G. Venkatraman | | |
| 1991 | Sandra K. Lancianese | | |
| 1992 | R. Brent Bostic | | |
| 1993 | Wei Tian Chiang | | |
| 1994 | Diane L. Spencer | | |
| 1995 | Michael A. Jones | | |
| 1996 | Imre D. Pentek | | |
| 1997 | Jeremy R. McClung | | |
| 1998 | Cecil Walker | | |
| 1999 | Quentin C. Daugherty | | |
| 2000 | Brent Richmond | | |

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Outstanding CPA in Government Award

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To be eligible for the Outstanding CPA in Government Award, the nominee must be:

- A member in good standing of the WVSCPA and employed in local, state, or federal government. Elected and appointed officials are eligible. Government employees who have been retired less than one year prior to the application deadline are also eligible.
- Distinguished by:
 1. Having made a sustained and significant contribution to the increased efficiency and effectiveness of his/her government organization. This is the most important criterion.
 2. Having made a significant contribution to state and national professional organizations.
 3. Having made a significant contribution to the growth and enhancement of the profession.
 4. Having made significant contributions in the level of government for which nominated.
- Posthumous nomination will be accepted, but no later than one calendar year after their date of death.
- Nominated by a WVSCPA member in good standing, other than the nominee.

Nominations are due by December 31.

Outstanding CPA in Government Award Winners

| | | |
|------|-------------------------|-------|
| 1999 | George W. Mitchell, III | State |
| 2000 | Ben A. Bagby* | Local |
| 2001 | Melinda Ashworth-Kiss | State |
| 2002 | None | |
| 2003 | Patrick H. Brown, III | Local |
| 2004 | Martin J. Gargano | State |
| 2005 | None | |
| 2006 | Victor Grigoraci | Local |
| 2007 | None | |
| 2008 | Virgil T. Helton | State |
| 2009 | None | |
| 2010 | None | |
| 2011 | Roger A. Summerfield | State |
| 2012 | None | |
| 2013 | Joseph P. Mowery | Local |
| 2014 | Lisa Daniels-Smith | Local |
| 2015 | Phillip A. Uy | State |
| 2016 | Richard S. Stultz | Local |
| 2017 | Cheri A. Harpold | State |
| 2018 | None | |
| 2019 | Lindsay White | State |
| 2020 | Dr. Edward Magee | State |
| 2021 | Gregory C. Barr | State |
| 2022 | Erica L. Boggess | State |

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Outstanding Educator Award

This program is designed to recognize full-time college accounting educators distinguished for excellence in classroom teaching and for active involvement in the accounting profession.

To be eligible for the outstanding educator award, the nominee must meet the following guidelines:

- Be a past (retired within 3 years) or current full-time accounting educator at a West Virginia post-secondary educational institution.
- Be distinguished for excellence in classroom teaching and motivating students.
- Having contributed to the accounting profession, as demonstrated by active involvement in professional activities such as participation in professional accounting organizations.
- Educators who are noted for their teaching abilities but are now primarily involved in administration or research are eligible for the award.
- Posthumous nomination will be accepted, but no later than one calendar year after their date of death.
- Nominated by a WVSCPA member in good standing, other than the nominee.

The nominee need not be a CPA nor hold a doctoral degree.

Nominations are due by December 31.

Outstanding Educator Award Winners

1989 Robert S. Maust*, West Virginia University
1990 Charles D. Webb, Marshall University
1991 Adolph A. Neidermeyer, West Virginia University
1992 Robert S. Maust*, West Virginia University
1993 Ann B. Pushkin, West Virginia University
1994 Neal G. Adkins, Marshall University
1995 Harry Finkelman*, Concord University
1996 Howard K. Nunley, WVU-Institute of Technology
1997 Edward W. Younkens, Wheeling Jesuit University
1998 Marian V. Mullin, West Liberty University
1999 William J. Radig, Marshall University
2000 Dr. Gail A. Shaw*, West Virginia University
2001 Gary K. Bennett, Fairmont State University
2002 Roger B. Hamood, Shepherd University
2003 C. Roger Lewis, WVU-Parkersburg
2004 Loren A. Wenzel, Marshall University
2005 Patricia M. Shafer*, WV State University
2006 Dr. Gary Saunders, Marshall University
2007 J. Suzanne King, University of Charleston
2008 Mary A. Burnell, Fairmont State University
2009 Cheryl F. McKinney, Glenville State College
2010 Dr. Dianna Ross, Concord University
2011 Dr. Presha Neidermeyer, West Virginia University
2012 No Award Presented
2013 Robert R. Simpson, Jr., Marshall University
2014 Dr. Richard A. (Dick) Riley, Jr., West Virginia University
2015 Gina M. Sturgill, Bluefield State College
2016 Dr. A. Scott Fleming, West Virginia University
2017 Dr. Jean B. Price, Marshall University

2018 Dr. Nancy Lankton, Marshall University
2019 Lisa Daniels-Smith, Davis & Elkins College
2020 Dr. Mark J. Nigrini, West Virginia University
2021 Nancy P. Lynch, West Virginia University
2022 Dr. Amanda Thompson-Abbott, Marshall University

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Outstanding Committee Award

To be given at the discretion of the President for meritorious service.

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|------|---|------|---|
| 1979 | Public Relations, Awards: Brenda T. Acken | | |
| 1980 | Cooperation w/ Education Institutions: William T. Cuppett | | |
| 1981 | CPE Compliance: Stephen D. Tanner* | | |
| 1982 | Public Service: Deborah H. Wells | | |
| 1983 | Taxation: C. Page Hamrick, III | | |
| 1984 | CPE: Dan B. Herrinton | | |
| 1985 | Public Service: Zell E. Sunderland* | | |
| 1986 | Public Service: Zell E. Sunderland* | | |
| 1987 | Public Service: Zell E. Sunderland* | | |
| 1988 | Legislative Watch: Norman T. Daniels, Jr. | | |
| 1989 | Legislative Steering: Willard H. Erwin | | |
| 1990 | Quality Review: Clifton L. (Skip) Looney, Jr. | | |
| 1991 | CPE Compliance: Gary K. Bennett | | |
| 1992 | Quality Review: John W. Kee | | |
| 1993 | Quality Review: John W. Kee | | |
| 1994 | Quality Review: Leon M. Rogers | | |
| 1995 | Industry & Government: Nazzi Zola | | |
| 1996 | Industry: Edward Lincoln | | |
| 1997 | Government: Daniel J. Ware | | |
| 1998 | Financial Institutions: Jeffrey D. Welch | | |
| 1999 | State & Local Tax: James M. Sturgeon, Jr.* | | |
| 2000 | Recruiting & Opportunity: Darrell Baylous*; Greg Nichols Industry Services: Debbie Bowyer Personal Financial Planning: John Byrd State & Local Taxation: James M. Sturgeon, Jr.* | | |
| 2001 | Industry Services: Gayleen Smith Peer Review: Bruce I. Sullivan State & Local Taxation: James M. Sturgeon, Jr. * Quality of Life: Deborah L. Lewis | | |
| 2002 | Careers in Accounting: Susan K. Richardson* State & Local Taxation: James M. Sturgeon, Jr. * | | |
| 2003 | Careers in Accounting: Susan K. Richardson* State & Local Taxation: James M. Sturgeon, Jr. * Industry Services: Gayleen G. Smith Young WVCPA: Norman W. Shumate, III | | |
| 2004 | Government: Jack Bodkin CPA Exam Support: Paul Campbell Peer Review: Gary Bennett State & Local Taxation: James M. Sturgeon, Jr. * | | |
| 2005 | MAP: David D. Hill Public Service: Jack Suttle*; Michael Black | | |
| 2006 | Accounting & Auditing: Christopher Deweese Recruiting & Opportunity: Judy Proctor Peer Review: James Crickard | | |
| 2007 | Careers in Accounting: Robert Nistendirk Industry & Government Services: Jeffrey Welch Public Service: Michael Black, Jack Suttle* | | |
| 2008 | Awards: Randolph A. Preston | | |
| | | 2009 | Federal Tax: Robert Astorg Financial Institutions: Christopher Nice Work/Life: Sherry Parks Peer Review: John Rowan Recruiting & Opportunity: Fred Dillon |
| | | 2010 | State Tax: James M. Sturgeon, Jr. * Small Firm & Sole Practitioners: Virginia C. Slack Accounting & Auditing: Ryan Becker |
| | | 2011 | Young CPAs: Holly Fillipovich, Brian Wadsworth Peer Review: Danny Blair |
| | | 2012 | Awards: Randolph A. Preston Federal Tax: Robert Astorg |
| | | 2013 | Peer Review: John M. Guido Careers in Accounting: D. Cole Malcolm |
| | | 2014 | Young CPAs: Tessa Carr Recruiting & Opportunity: Jered Green |
| | | 2015 | Peer Review: James L. Crickard Awards: Randolph A. Preston Small Firm & Sole Practitioners: Virginia C. Slack |
| | | 2016 | Accounting & Auditing: Jeremy Simms Recruiting & Career Opportunities: Jered Green Taxation: Steve Robey Taxation: Danny Simms Young CPAs: Tessa White |
| | | 2017 | Peer Review: Steven Dearien Recruiting & Career Opportunities: Ryan Mink Small Firm & Sole Practitioners: Brooks Cottle Small Firm & Sole Practitioners: Melissa Boggs Small Firm & Sole Practitioners: Bruce Lawson Small Firm & Sole Practitioners: Patrick Felton |
| | | 2018 | Accounting Education Foundation: Cassandra Baylous Accounting Education Foundation: Alex S. Gawthrop Accounting Education Foundation: Benjamin M. Poling Banking, Industry & Government: James M. Toney Young CPAs: Emily S. Signorelli |
| | | 2019 | Accounting & Auditing: Nancy K. Lankton Banking, Industry & Government: Brandy M. Whittington |
| | | 2020 | Awards: Charles M. Mulligan Recruiting & Career Opportunities: Mary Marie Long Taxation: Steven F. Luby |
| | | 2021 | No Awards Presented, Due to COVID 19 Pandemic |
| | | 2022 | Young CPAs: Cassandra J. Baylous Accounting & Auditing: Natalie Luppold Banking, Industry & Government: Patrick M. Smith Volunteer Award: Dr. A. Scott Fleming |

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Public Service Award

To be eligible for the Public Service Award, the nominee must be a CPA and be a member in good standing of the WVSCPA. The nominee will be examined according to the following criteria:

- **Leadership:** The positions held by the candidate will be considered and any substantial accomplishments during those terms. The candidate will be assessed on whether he/she has shown initiative by founding an organization, developing programs, or directing a major turnaround of a charitable group.
- **Impact:** The impact the candidate has made in a community, including the number of people who benefited from the candidate's activities, and the importance of those activities on the community's overall well-being will be evaluated.
- **Involvement:** The candidate's current level of involvement, as well as the length of time the candidate has been involved in charitable and/or civic activities will be assessed.
- **Bonus:** It will be determined whether the candidate has done something truly different or outstanding or if the program the candidate is involved in or the contribution by the candidate is unique in any way.
 - Posthumous nomination will be accepted, but no later than one calendar year after their date of death.
 - Nominated by a WVSCPA member in good standing, other than the nominee.

Nominations are due by December 31.

Public Service Award Winners

1980 Willard H. Erwin, Jr.*
1981 Arthur L. Gleason, Jr.
1982 Harry Finkelman*
1983 Brenda T. Acken
1984 Donald H. McIver, Jr.
1985 No Award Given
1986 Arthur L. Gleason, Jr.
1987 Glenn W. Hall*
1988 Carroll D. Simpkins
1989 Robert R. Simpson, Jr.
1990 Kathy G. Eddy
1991 Donald B. Nestor
1992 James J. Fraser
1993 Robin M. Baylous
1994 Kathy G. Eddy
1995 James L. Harrison
1996 Philip P. Cox
1997 William M. Ellis, Jr. *
1998 John M. Perry
1999 Charles M. Avampato
2000 Paul E. Arbogast
2001 Victor Grigoraci
2002 Michael C. Paterno*
2003 Jack Rossi
2004 Michael W. Gerber*
2005 Wallace F. "Jack" Suttle*
2006 Robert C. Galloway
2007 Thomas L. Aman
2008 William W. Gleason
2009 L. James Nichols

2010 Horace W. Emery
2011 William Henry Harmon
2012 Matthew D. Wender
2013 Lawrence A. Pack
2014 William D. Chambers
2015 Samuel P. Sommerville
2016 Wallace "Wally" F. Suttle, II
2017 Patricia D. Clark
2018 Barry L. Burgess
2019 Melinda (Mendy) A. Aluise
2020 Brian D. Wadsworth
2021 Melissa A. Price
2022 Tomi J. Weber

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Kathy Eddy WV Young CPA of the Year Award

This award will be bestowed on a CPA who is a member of the WVSCPA and a local chapter. The individual, age 35 years or younger as of the end of the current fiscal year, shall have made significant contributions to the accounting profession and the community and is a member of at least one other professional organization.

Some of the criteria to be considered in selecting a candidate for this award include:

Professional achievement suggested:

- If in public practice, became a supervisor, manager, or partner;
- If not in public practice, management level in industry or government, active faculty member, administrative management position, or started a successful business;
- Written an article which has been published and is significant to the profession or the public;
- Significant speaking engagements; and
- Participates in a mentoring program, either inside or outside the firm or company.

Significant accomplishments within the WVSCPA or a local chapter:

- Committee chair or officer;
- Outstanding committee member; and
- Chair or outstanding participant of a major WVSCPA or local chapter function or seminar.

Community contributions and significant achievements:

- Chamber of commerce;
- Civic clubs; and
- Charitable organizations.

Membership in at least one other professional organization, such as:

- AICPA
- Institute of Certified Management Accountants; or
- American Accounting Association.

Demonstration of dedication to the profession through participation in professional activities.

Rules for eligibility to win the WV Young CPA of the Year Award:

- Candidate must be 35 years of age or younger May 31 on the year of nomination; and
- Candidate must be a member in good standing with the WVSCPA and meet all eligibility requirements to practice as an active CPA in the state of WV.
- Posthumous nomination will be accepted, but no later than one calendar year after their date of death.
- Nominated by a WVSCPA member in good standing, other than the nominee.

Nominations are due by December 15.

Kathy Eddy WV Young CPA of the Year Award Winners

2003 William J. Behrens
2004 Christopher D. Deweese
2005 Scott A. Clark
2006 Christopher S. Nice
2007 Aaron J. Heighton
2008 Brian D. Wadsworth
2009 J. Ryan Lindsay
2010 Christine D. Sturtevant
2011 William H. Robinson, III
2012 Tessa M. White
2013 Adam K. Kennedy
2014 Mary Marie Long
2015 Kelly L. Shafer
2016 Charles M. Mulligan
2017 Benjamin M. Poling
2018 Akia C. Rice

2019 Emily S. Signorelli
2020 E. Ryan Mink
2021 Alex S. Gawthrop
2022 Charles Alex Peach

Witschey Award

Each year the Society presents the Witschey Award to one of the Society's local Chapters. The Award is named for the late Robert E. Witschey, who served as Chairman of the AICPA during the years of 1962 and 1963. The Witschey Award has been given by the Society to a deserving Chapter every year since 1974.

The Awards Committee bases their selection of the outstanding Chapter by considering the following:

- Total chapter membership
- Total number of meetings held and attendance at each meeting
- The most successful meeting held
- How the profession was promoted to local high schools and colleges
- Outstanding achievements of individual Chapter members
- Chapter leadership must designate a representative to serve as a member of the Awards Committee (1)
- Chapter leadership will be required to submit a nomination for each WVSCPA award category. If the Chapter does not have a current member who meets the award category nomination requirement, they must provide the Awards Committee with written documentation stating this for the award category. (1)
- Other achievements of the Chapter

(1) Added to criteria in 2012

Witschey Award Winners

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|------|-------------|------|-----------------------|
| 1975 | Southern | 2004 | Charleston |
| 1976 | Southern | 2005 | Huntington |
| 1977 | Southern | 2006 | Huntington |
| 1978 | Charleston | 2007 | Wheeling |
| 1979 | Southern | 2008 | Charleston |
| 1980 | Charleston | 2009 | Charleston |
| 1981 | Charleston | 2010 | Parkersburg |
| 1982 | Charleston | 2011 | Greenbrier Valley |
| 1983 | Southern | 2012 | Central |
| 1984 | Southern | 2013 | Charleston |
| 1985 | Charleston | 2014 | Parkersburg |
| 1986 | Parkersburg | 2015 | Charleston |
| 1987 | Huntington | 2016 | Parkersburg |
| 1988 | Parkersburg | 2017 | Huntington |
| 1989 | Huntington | 2018 | Huntington |
| 1990 | Charleston | 2019 | Huntington |
| 1991 | Southern | 2020 | No Chapter Qualified |
| 1992 | Charleston | 2021 | Charleston |
| 1993 | Parkersburg | 2022 | Greenbrier / Southern |
| 1994 | Parkersburg | | |
| 1995 | Parkersburg | | |
| 1996 | Southern | | |
| 1997 | Parkersburg | | |
| 1998 | Charleston | | |
| 1999 | Charleston | | |
| 2000 | Charleston | | |
| 2001 | Parkersburg | | |
| 2002 | Charleston | | |
| 2003 | Charleston | | |

Women to Watch Award

Awards will be given in two categories, Experienced Leaders and Emerging Leaders, as defined below. It should be noted that evidence of every item listed is not required for consideration, but nominees should have made significant contributions in at least two of the criteria listed. Nominees must be a CPA and a member of both the WVSCPA and the AICPA.

- Experienced Leaders – one who has advanced to a higher level or leadership position within the organization. Titles include, but are not limited to, partner, owner, elected official or appointee, executive, etc.
 1. Authorship of articles
 2. Major or unique contributions to the profession
 3. Public and/or community service
 4. Mentoring other professionals (more heavily weighted than other criteria)
 5. Improvement to the workplace
- Emerging Leaders – a professional who has made significant contributions to the profession and her community, but who has not yet reached the highest levels of advancement.
 1. Public and/or community service
 2. Demonstration of leadership
 3. Contribution to the profession
 4. Creation and implementation of unique initiatives(s)
 5. Involvement with alma mater or other local colleges and universities

Please provide supporting documentation as evidence of accomplishments. This may include letters of recommendation from supervisors, peers, students, community organizations, etc. Resumes are not required but are strongly recommended. Winners will be selected by the Women to Watch Awards Selections Committee and recognized during the Committee Day luncheon in May.

Women to Watch Award Winners

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|------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2011 | Experienced Leader | Gayle E. Mason Lois K. Wilson* |
| 2011 | Emerging Leader | Karissa J. Cost Tessa M. White |
| 2012 | Experienced Leader | Valerie R. Ellis |
| | Emerging Leader | Ashley D. Meek |
| 2013 | Experienced Leader | Beth F. Bumgarner |
| | Emerging Leader | Erica D. Cameron |
| 2014 | Experienced Leader | Susan R. Wheeler |
| | Emerging Leader | Holly M. Fillipovich |
| 2015 | Experienced Leader | Saundra H. Uy |
| | Emerging Leader | Melissa F. Boggs |
| 2016 | Experienced Leader | Susan A. Barber |
| | Emerging Leader | Melinda Aluise |
| 2017 | Experienced Leader | Miri D. Hunter |
| | Emerging Leader | Kelly L. Shafer |

**Deceased*

Note - 2017 was the last year that the Women to Watch Awards were distributed.