



# 2026 ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## HCC or LSC Systems

### CRITERIA AND INSTRUCTIONS

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TXCPA Houston Foundation (TXCPA Houston) offers a scholarship program whose purpose is to provide financial assistance to accounting students who plan to become Certified Public Accountants and enter the accounting profession in Texas. Eligible applicants approved for funding will receive \$500 towards tuition and fees at the community college system attending.

#### Criteria:

To be considered for a TXCPA Houston scholarship, **a student must:**

- Be a U.S. citizen or a legal Texas resident (green card holder).
- Be an accounting major entering their senior year at an accredited four-year college or university, or a student seeking the additional 30 hours of education to become eligible for a CPA license in Texas.
- File an Application of Intent with the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy (TSBPA).
- Have a GPA of at least 3.25 in accounting and 3.0 overall.
- Have completed a minimum of 12 hours in accounting courses
- Have declared accounting as the major.
- Currently be taking a course load which will satisfy eligibility requirements to take the CPA exam – such student may already have a Bachelor's degree in an area other than Accounting and is taking additional courses in accounting to meet the qualifications to take the CPA exam.
- Be a member of TXCPA Houston. Complimentary student membership is available at [www.tx.cpa](http://www.tx.cpa)
- Demonstrate financial need, superior ethics, social responsibility, and high scholastic achievement on campus based on the judgment of accounting faculty.
- Be planning to continue in an educational program at the university through the Fall semester of 2026.

#### Instructions:

1. Official transcripts from colleges or universities, where the applicant is currently and was previously enrolled, must be submitted with this application; original transcripts should be mailed, or secure link emailed.
2. A recommendation letter from the professor or person in charge of the accounting or business program at the institution where applicant is presently enrolled must accompany this application, as well as signing the application form. The letter from the professor may be sent separately via email.
3. Send this application, the official transcript, verification that the application of intent has been received by Texas State Board of Public Accountancy (TSBPA), and the letter of recommendation to the TXCPA Houston. (see last page for the address.)
4. **DUE DATE:** All items – the completed application form, TSBPA receipt of Application of Intent, transcripts from colleges and universities attended and presently attending, and a letter of recommendation must be received by TXCPA Houston no later than **May 15, 2026**.
5. TXCPA Houston and the Accounting Scholarship Committee reserve the right to refrain from awarding scholarships in the event applicants do not meet the desired qualifications.
6. Students receiving scholarship awards are expected to participate in TXCPA Houston activities when possible.



# 2026 ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please type or print in black or blue ink.)

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- 1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First Middle or Maiden*
- Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Female  Male  X
- Email address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email address (not university related): \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City State ZIP*
- 3) Permanent Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City State ZIP*
- 4) Are you a legal resident of Texas - either a U.S. citizen or Green Card holder?  
If not, explain in item #19 below Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Are you a student member of TXCPA/ TXCPA Houston? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
IF NOT, join at <https://www.tx.cpa/membership/become-a-member>
- How did you hear about this Scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) College  
In which presently enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID No. \_\_\_\_\_  
In which previously enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Total credit hours (all subjects) for which you are or will be enrolled during the following semesters:  
Spring 2026: \_\_\_\_\_ Summer 2026: \_\_\_\_\_ Fall 2026: \_\_\_\_\_ Spring 2027: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Classification in the Fall 2026:  Junior  Senior  Graduate Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Total credit hours earned by application date:  
 90.0 – 119.5 credit hours  over 120 credit hours Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Less than 90 credit hours at this time; I'm enrolled to achieve that minimum by August 2026.
- Total Accounting hours earned through application date: : \_\_\_\_\_ Accounting GPA: \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Accounting hours in progress at application date: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree(s) sought: \_\_\_\_\_

10) Bachelor's Degree (University, subject, date): \_\_\_\_\_

11) Master's or other Degree (University, subject, expected date): \_\_\_\_\_

12) Application of Intent to sit for CPA Exam has been made with Texas State Board of Public Accountancy (TSBPA)

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If Application of Intent has not been made, what is the reason for waiting?

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13) LinkedIn Profile (information should be current):

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14) Current work schedule: include hours worked per week. Full-time \_\_\_\_\_ Part-time \_\_\_\_\_

15) Anticipated work schedule in Summer 2026 and Fall 2026 (type of work/employment; hours per week; other pertinent information excluding internships)

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16) Internships: list of all recent and future internships. Include employment dates, nature of work and supervisor's name.

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17) Employment History: provide employment history. List full-time and part-time jobs, excluding internships (see above question). List most recent job first.

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Company address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of work: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed from: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Company address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of work: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed from: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

18) Scholarships received, including year and amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
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19) If you are a U.S. Armed Forces Veteran, explain all financial assistance that is provided to you:  
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20) Do you plan to enter the field of accounting immediately after graduation? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

21) Have you accepted a job offer? If so, when does the employment begin?  
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22) When do you intend to take the CPA Exams?  
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23) Based on CPA Exam schedules and supervised work requirements, when do you expect to become a licensed Texas CPA? Explain any anticipated delays.  
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24) List your principal extracurricular activities, honors, awards, and campus or other organizations in which you participate. Attach your updated resume or additional sheet if necessary.  
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25) Indicate what your career goal is, including why you were attracted to the field of accounting or business, what it is about the profession that interests you, your financial need, and why you should be the recipient of this award. (limit your **typewritten** response to 500 words – you may use a separate page if necessary).

*By my signature on this application, I hereby state that I meet all of the requirements for scholarship recipients listed on page one of this application, and that all information given is correct and complete. I give the TXCPA Houston authority to contact any institution, company or individual I have named to confirm that the facts stated are accurate, or for purposes of general reference. I also grant the TXCPA Houston the authority to run a background check if I am selected as a finalist to ensure that I am eligible to become a licensed Texas CPA. If I am selected as a recipient of a TXCPA Houston scholarship, I hereby grant permission for publication of my selection.*

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name* *email address*

**Please send this completed application, the official transcripts, mailing verification of the application of intent, and the letter of recommendation by email to [vspencer@txcpahouston.cpa](mailto:vspencer@txcpahouston.cpa) or to the address below. This information must be received no later than **May 15, 2026**.**

TXCPA Houston Foundation  
ATTN: Accounting Scholarships Committee  
1233 West Loop S., Suite 1425  
Houston, TX 77027

Phone: 713-622-7733 [vspencer@txcpahouston.cpa](mailto:vspencer@txcpahouston.cpa)

**Application is available for download** or printing at  
<https://www.tx.cpa/houston/students-candidates/scholarships>