



2026 ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CRITERIA AND INSTRUCTIONS

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 \$2,500 towards 2026 Fall Semester tuition and fees at the university attending. An additional \$2,500 may be approved if educational requirements continue in the 2027 Spring Semester.

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 preferably entering their senior year at an accredited four-year college or university, or a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in accounting in an accredited program, or those seeking the additional 30 hours of education to become eligible for a CPA license in Texas.
- Student should be following a plan to complete a minimum of 90 credit hours by August 2026.
- College or university should be located within the Houston CPA Society's thirteen-county membership area.
- File an Application of Intent with the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy (TSBPA). *This does not apply to Rice University MACC students.*
- Have a GPA of at least 3.25 in accounting and 3.0 overall.
- Have taken a minimum of 12 hours in accounting courses *This does not apply to Rice University MACC students.*
- Have declared accounting as the major.
- Have been considered a full-time student (at least 12 hours per semester if an undergraduate and 9 hours per semester if a graduate student) immediately prior to the current semester.
- Be a member of TXCPA Houston. Complimentary TXCPA and chapter student membership is available.
- Demonstrate financial need, superior ethics, social responsibility, and high scholastic achievement on campus based on the judgment of accounting faculty.
- Plan 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 mailed to the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy (TSBPA), and the letter of recommendation to the TXCPA Houston, via email. (see last page for the email and physical 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.)

- 1) Name: _____
Last *First (legal)* *Middle or Maiden*
- Telephone: _____ Gender: Female Male X
- Email address: _____
- Email address (not university related): _____
- Current Address: _____
Street *City* *State* *ZIP*
- 2) Permanent Address (if different): _____
Street *City* *State* *ZIP*
- 3) Are you a legal resident of Texas - either a U.S. citizen or Green Card holder?
IF NOT, you do not qualify. Yes ___ No ___
- 4) Are you a student member of TXCPA/ TXCPA Houston? Yes ___ No ___
IF NOT, please join at <https://www.tx.cpa/membership/become-a-member>
- How did you hear about this Scholarship? _____
- 5) LinkedIn Profile (information should be current): _____
- 6) College or University
In which enrolled 2026 Fall Semester: _____ 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 May 2026:
 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: _____

10) Scholarship funds are requested for upcoming hours to earn
Bachelor's Degree (University, subject, date)

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

11) 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?

12) Current work schedule, including hours worked per week.

Full-time _____ Part-time _____

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

14) **Internships:** list all past, present, and future internships. Include employment dates, nature of work and supervisor's name.

15) Employment History: provide recent 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 _____

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Company address: _____ Phone: _____

Nature of work: _____

Employed from: _____ to _____

16) Scholarships received, including year(s) and amount (prior, current, future): _____

17) If you are a U.S. Armed Forces Veteran, explain all financial assistance that is provided to you (source and amount for Fall 2026 semester):

18) Do you plan to enter the field of accounting immediately after graduation? Yes _____ No _____
If you do not plan to enter the accounting field immediately, what do you plan to do?

19) Have you accepted a job offer? If so, when does the employment begin? If an internship, list under item #14 above. _____

20) When do you intend to take the CPA Exams?

21) Based on CPA Exam schedules and supervised work requirements, when do you expect to become a licensed Texas CPA? Explain any anticipated delays.

22) 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.

23) 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).

FINAL CHECKLIST – before submitting application, confirm the following information:

- I have completed or will complete a minimum of 90 credit hours by August 2026.
- I plan to become a CPA in Texas.
- I have filed an Application of Intent or provided reason for a delay.
- I have ordered an Official Transcript from my current and prior schools – to be emailed from the school to cspencer@txcpahouston.cpa
- I have taken a minimum of 12 hours in accounting courses.
- I plan to continue at the university through the 2026 Fall Semester
- I have requested a letter of recommendation from a recent accounting professor.
- I have a school faculty member to sign my application.

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 application, the official transcripts, mailing verification of the application of intent, and the letter of recommendation by email to cspencer@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

cspencer@txcpahouston.cpa

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