

**MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS  
 Ross/Nickey Scholarship and Gary E. Thornton Memorial Scholarship  
 For Graduate Education**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: JULY 1, 2010**

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Must be a student enrolled in or admitted to a graduate accounting program in Mississippi
2. Must be a Mississippi resident (see verification form)
3. Must be a person who demonstrates special merit and exceptional promise to the field of accounting
4. Must submit a completed application packet to MSCPA postmarked no later than July 1, 2010

**SELECTION CRITERIA:**

1. Academic Excellence (Minimum of 3.0 GPA – both overall and accounting, both undergraduate and graduate)
2. Campus Involvement
3. Faculty Recommendations
4. Written Essay
5. Financial Need

**SELECTION PROCEDURES:**

Students at all Mississippi institutions awarding degrees in accounting are eligible to apply. These schools are Alcorn State University, Belhaven College, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Millsaps College, Mississippi College, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi, University of Southern Mississippi, and William Carey University.

Students will be recommended by a *faculty committee* of the institution. Selection of scholarship recipients will be made by the *Awards, Education and Scholarships Committee* of the Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants. Scholarships will be awarded by the *Education Foundation* of the Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants. Checks will be made payable to the educational institution and will be mailed for the Fall Semester. The amount of the scholarships in the current year is \$1,000.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Student Applicant** – Submit the following documents to the chair of the accounting department or designee:

1. **Graduate Student Application** (5 pages) signed, dated, including a recent photograph approximately 2" x 2" for publication purposes.
2. **One-page essay** explaining why you plan a career in accounting
3. **GMAT score**
4. **Acceptance letter** from the college/university chosen for graduate study
5. **Official transcript** of all college undergraduate and graduate work through the Spring Semester of the current year.

**Chair of Accounting Department or Designee** – Obtain the documents needed for the application packet listed below. After the faculty committee has selected one applicant, mail the completed application packet for the selected student to the following address postmarked no later than **July 1, 2010**:

**MSCPA Awards, Education and Scholarship Committee  
 306 Southampton Row  
 Ridgeland, MS 39157**

**Application Packet:**

1. Undergraduate Student Application (5 pages) including photograph
2. One-page Essay
3. Copy of GMAT score
4. Acceptance letter from the college/university chosen for graduate study
5. Official transcript of undergraduate and graduate work through Spring Semester of current year

**Attached**

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Application packet is complete. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Chair of Department or Designee



**THE MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**  
**Scholarship Reference Form**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by one of the applicant's accounting professors. From the statements below check the one most descriptive of the student.

1. **RESPECTABILITY** - Ability to work with and to gain respect of faculty and students.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a. Relations too ineffective to remain in activity without improvement.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ b. Does not always get along well with others; not cooperative.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ c. Maintains effective working relations with others. Full cooperation.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ d. Ability superior to activity requirements. Goes out of way to cooperate.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ e. Obtains highest respect and cooperation from others.
  
2. **DEPENDABILITY** - Extent to which student is dependable
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a. Too unreliable to remain in activity without improvement.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ b. Not fully dependable.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ c. Can be relied on to fulfill activity demands.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ d. Exceeds normal activity requirements.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ e. Extremely dependable and reliable in all aspects.
  
3. **ATTITUDE** - Attitude in class or toward classroom work.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a. Attitude too poor to remain in activity without improvement.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ b. Attitude needs improvement to be acceptable.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ c. Favorable or acceptable attitude.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ d. High degree of enthusiasm and interest demonstrated toward activity, firm, profession.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ e. Extraordinary degree of enthusiasm and interest.
  
4. **CONDUCT** - Conduct and neatness of appearance.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a. Too poor to remain in activity without improvement.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ b. Needs some improvement for acceptance.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ c. Favorable or acceptable appearance and conduct.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ d. Creates distinctly favorable impressions.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ e. Conduct and appearance commands admiration of the highest caliber.
  
5. **RECEPTIVENESS** - Receptiveness to criticism.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a. Rebels against suggestions and criticisms too poor to retain on activity.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ b. Ignores suggestions and viewpoints of others.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ c. Values opinions and suggestions of others.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ d. Seeks out suggestions and opinions of others.

Comments on personal character traits for entering the profession and/or academic performance.

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Signature of Professor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**THE MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**  
**Verification of Mississippi Residency**

The Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants defines residency in the same manner as do Mississippi public colleges and universities. This is accomplished by applying the definitions and conditions (as required by law of the State of Mississippi) in the classification of students as residents or nonresidents for the purpose of assessment of fees. The following classifications will apply:

**A MINOR**--The residence of a person less than 21 years of age is that of the father. After the death of the father, the residence of the minor is that of the mother. If the parents are divorced, the residence of the minor is that of the parent who was granted custody by the court; or, if custody was not granted, the residence continues to be that of the father. If both parents are dead, the residence of the minor is that of the last surviving parent at the time of that parent's death, unless the minor lives with a legal guardian of his/her person duly appointed by a proper court of Mississippi, in which case his/her residence becomes that of the guardian.

**AN ADULT**--The residence of an adult is that place where he/she is domiciled, that is, the place where he/she actually physically resides with the intention of remaining there indefinitely or of returning there permanently when temporarily absent.

**REMOVAL OF PARENTS FROM MISSISSIPPI**--If the parents of a minor who is enrolled as a student in an institution of higher learning move their legal residence from the State of Mississippi, the minor is immediately classified as a nonresident student.

**TWELVE MONTHS OF RESIDENCE REQUIRED**--A student may not be classified as a resident of Mississippi, unless his/her residence, as defined above, has been in the state for a continuous period of at least the immediately preceding twelve months.

**RESIDENCE IN AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION CAN BE COUNTED**--A student who has lived within the state for twelve months following his/her twenty-first birthday may establish residence in his/her own right by showing that he/she is living in the state with the intention of abandoning his/her former domicile and remaining in the state permanently, or for an indefinite length of time.

**RESIDENCE STATUS OF A MARRIED STUDENT**--A married student may claim the residence of the spouse, or may claim independent residence status under the same regulations, set forth above, as any other adult.

**CHILDREN OF PARENTS WHO ARE EMPLOYED BY THE UNIVERSITY**--Children of parents who are members of the faculty or staff of the University may be classified as residents without regard to the residence requirement of twelve months.

**MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED ON ACTIVE DUTY STATION IN MISSISSIPPI**--Members of the U.S. armed forces on extended active duty and stationed within Mississippi may be classified as residents, without regard to the residence requirement of twelve months, for the purpose of attendance at the University. Resident status of such military personnel who are not legal residents of Mississippi shall terminate upon their reassignment for duty in the continental United States outside the State of Mississippi.

**CHILDREN OF MILITARY PERSONNEL**--Resident status of children of members of the armed forces on extended active duty shall be that of the military parent for the purpose of attending the University during the time that their military parents are stationed within Mississippi and shall be continued through the time that military parents are stationed in an overseas area with last duty assignment within the state. Resident status of minor children shall terminate upon reassignment under permanent change of station orders of their military parents for duty in the continental United States outside the State of Mississippi, excepting temporary training assignments en route from Mississippi.

I hereby certify that I am a resident of Mississippi based on the definitions and conditions previously stated:

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_