

**Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants
Graduate Student Scholarship
Deadline for Submission: June 1**

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Enrolled or accepted to a graduate accounting program in Mississippi
2. Mississippi resident
3. Demonstrates special merit and exceptional promise to the field of accounting
4. Application submitted timely

Selection Criteria:

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

Selection Procedures:

Students at all Mississippi institutions awarding degrees in accounting are eligible to apply. These schools are Alcorn State University, Belhaven University, 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 Scholarship Committee* of the MSCPA. Scholarships will be awarded by the *Education Foundation* of the MSCPA. Checks will be made payable to the education institution and will be mailed for the fall semester.

Instructions:

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

1. **Graduate Student Scholarship Application Form** signed and dated
2. **Acceptance letter** from the college/university chosen for graduate study
3. **One-page essay** explaining why you plan a career in accounting
4. **Official transcript** of all undergraduate and graduate college work through the spring semester of the current year
5. **Publicity photography** (head shot) in electronic format

Chair of Accounting Department or Designee – After the faculty committee has selected one application, obtain the documents listed below and mail the completed application packet to the following address so it will arrive by **June 1**:

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

Application Checklist:

- ___ Graduate Student Scholarship Application Form
- ___ Acceptance letter from the college/university chosen for graduate study
- ___ One-page Essay
- ___ Official Transcripts of undergraduate and graduate work through spring semester of current year
- ___ Publicity Photography (Email to kmoody@ms-cpa.org)

Application package is complete. _____

Signature of Department Chair or Designee

Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants
Graduate Student Scholarship Application Form

Name: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

College/University Currently Attending: _____

Date of Earned/Planned Bachelor's Degree (Month and Year): _____

College/University for Graduate work: _____

Date of your entry/planned entry to a graduate accounting program: _____

	Accounting	Overall
Number of Hours Completed-Undergraduate	_____	_____
Grade Point Average-Undergraduate	_____	_____
Number of Hours Completed-Graduate	_____	_____
Grade Point Average-Graduate	_____	_____

Provide a detailed description of your campus involvement with college clubs, organizations and activities (include employment history, as applicable):

List your activities and memberships in organizations outside college: _____

Describe your financial need for this scholarship by listing any financial aid and/or scholarships you will have for the next school year. Also, list any self-supported means for financing your education:

Add any comments that you believe will be pertinent to the committee:

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing, I certify that I am a resident of the State of Mississippi, based on the definitions and conditions stated by the MSCPA.

The Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants Mississippi Residency Requirements

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 in the State of Mississippi in the classification of students as residents or nonresidents for the assessment of fees. The following classifications will apply:

Minors:

The residency of a minor (less than 21 years of age) is that of the father, the mother, or a general guardian duly appointed by a proper court in Mississippi. If a court has granted custody of the minor to one parent, the residence of the minor is that of the parent who was granted custody by the court. 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 general guardian, duly appointed by a proper court of Mississippi, in which case his residence becomes that of the guardian.

Adults:

The legal residence of an adult is that place where he is domiciled, that is, the place where he 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 residence, as defined above, has been in the state for a continuous period of at least 12 months immediately preceding his admission.

Residence in an Educational Institution Can Be Counted:

A student who has lived within the state for 12 months following his twenty-first birthday may establish residence in his own right by showing that he is living in the state with the intention of abandoning his 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:

Dependent 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 12 months.

Military Personnel Assigned on Active Duty Station in Mississippi and Children of Military Personnel:

Resident status of a spouse or child of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on extended active duty shall be that of the military spouse or parent for the purpose of attending state-supported institutions of higher learning and community/junior colleges of the State of Mississippi during the time that the military spouse or parent is stationed within the State of Mississippi and shall be continued through the time that the military spouse or parent is stationed in an overseas area with last duty assignment within the State of Mississippi, excepting temporary training assignments en route from Mississippi. Resident status of a minor child terminates upon reassignment under Permanent Change of Station Orders of the military parent for duty in the continental United States outside the State of Mississippi, excepting temporary training assignments en route from Mississippi, and except that children of members of the Armed Forces who attain Mississippi residency in accordance with the above provisions, who begin and complete their senior year of high school in Mississippi, and who enroll full time in a Mississippi institution of higher learning or community/junior college to begin studies in the fall after their graduation from high school, maintain their residency status so long as they remain enrolled as a student in good standing at a Mississippi institution of higher learning or community/junior college.