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RI Society of CPAs 2023 Scholarship Application Process

The RI Society of CPAs has opened its scholarship application process for the year 2023-2024 for students from Rhode Island pursuing an accounting or finance major at any private or public college or university. The student must certify they are from RI, but they can be enrolled in an accounting or finance program at ANY college or university, regardless of it being located outside of Rhode Island.

Carl W. Christiansen Scholarship - *Applicant may attend any accredited college or university.*

The late Carl W. Christiansen, CPA established a scholarship fund in 1974. The purpose of this fund was to assist students who hope to join the public accounting profession, by granting scholarships to help defray the cost of a college education.

Cheryl A. Ruggiero Scholarship - *Open to female applicants who may attend any accredited college or university.* A scholarship fund was established in 2005 for the late Cheryl A. Ruggiero, CPA. The purpose of this fund is to assist female accounting students who hope to join the public accounting profession, by granting scholarships to help defray the cost of a college education.

KLR/Brian A. Altomari Memorial Fund Scholarship - *Applicant must be attending a RI university or college.* A scholarship grant was established in 2018 for the KLR/Brian A. Altomari Memorial Fund. The scholarship, which is dispensed through the RI Foundation, is intended for a student attending or planning to enroll in an accredited college or university in Rhode Island who will be a major in accounting.

Criteria for Applicants

- Applicants must be a legal resident of the State of Rhode Island and a citizen of the United States.
- Applicant must demonstrate an interest in accounting during the undergraduate/graduate years.
- Applicant must obtain an overall academic average of 3.0, and in the opinion of the Accounting Department faculty, demonstrate the potential to become a valued member of the Public Accounting Profession.

Guidelines

- Complete the application in full. Use the reverse side if additional space is necessary.
- Submit a short personal statement that reflects your interest in the Accounting profession.
- Submit a copy of your transcript.
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a member of the accounting/finance department of your school.
- Submit proof of BOTH: U.S. Citizenship and Rhode Island residency.
 - Examples: Birth certificate, copy of driver's license, state-issued identification card.

All applications must be received by mail at the RI Society of CPAs, 40 Sharpe Drive, Unit 5, Cranston, RI 02920 on or before February 24, 2023.

Any questions on the application process can be directed to the RI Society office at 401-331-5720 or info@riscpa.org.

Thank you for your interest!
RI Society of CPAs.



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Please select the scholarship you are applying for:

Carl W. Christiansen Scholarship Fund Application ☐

Cheryl A. Ruggiero Scholarship Fund Application ☐ (Female Students Only)

KLR/Brian A. Altomari Memorial Scholarship Fund ☐

Name: _____ Email: _____

College Attending: _____

Permanent RI Home Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip

High School attended: _____
Name City State

Total College GPA: _____

Freshman - All Courses: _____ Accounting: _____

Sophomore - All Courses: _____ Accounting: _____

Junior - All Courses: _____ Accounting: _____

Senior - All Courses: _____ Accounting: _____

CUMULATIVE GPA: All Courses: _____ Accounting: _____

Extracurricular Activities: Include membership in college clubs, community, and associations related to accounting/finance.

I have included the required information with my application:

___ Proof of U.S. Citizenship ___ Personal statement on interest in public accounting

___ Proof of RI Residency ___ Accounting faculty letter of recommendation

___ Copy of transcript

The information reported above is accurate.

Applicant Signature

I concur with this application.

Accounting Dept. Counselor (Print name)

Accounting Dept. Counselor Signature