

The Minnesota Society of CPAs (MNCPA) is accepting applications for high potential minority high school students with an interest in accounting/business to become MNCPA Scholars.

The 2024-25 class of MNCPA Scholars will participate in a unique year-long mentorship and career awareness program. Through a wide array of career and college-prep events, MNCPA Scholars will gain important tools for their future and establish long-lasting relationships with respected Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) in Minnesota.

Successful MNCPA Scholars will receive FREE:

- Dress pant or skirt, button down shirt and dress shoes.
- Lunches/dinners.
- Professional skills development.
- Transportation to and from events outside of Bloomington, including firm and company visits.
- \$1,000 academic gift.
- CPA mentor.
- Letter of recommendation for college or scholarship.

Applicants must meet all of the following eligibility requirements:

- Must be an under-represented U.S. racial/ethnic minority student.
- Must be enrolled in a Minnesota high school as a junior or senior for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Must be a Minnesota resident.
- Must have demonstrated academic success (with a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale).
- Must have an interest in accounting, finance, business or math.

Eligibility Guidelines:

1. Applicant must complete the official 2024-25 MNCPA Scholars Application, student questionnaire (last page of this document) and a recent academic transcript to be considered. Please thoroughly fill out student questionnaire and application, including information about activities, community involvement and work experience.
2. Applicant must submit one reference questionnaire to be completed by a teacher, guidance counselor, supervisor, volunteer coordinator, etc.
3. Applications must be received by May 15, 2024.
4. All information submitted becomes property of the Minnesota Society of CPAs and will not be returned to the applicant.
5. All MNCPA Scholars are expected to participate in various activities throughout the school year. There will not be any Scholars events on weekends or holidays. The MNCPA will work with the school to facilitate any excused absences for events scheduled during class time. Scholars are required to attend at least 70% of scheduled events in order to receive the academic gift.

2024-25 Scholars Application Form
(Application deadline: May 15)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell _____ Email address _____

Birthdate _____ Race/Ethnicity _____ Pronouns _____

School information

Current School _____ Current GPA _____

College of Interest _____

Major of Interest _____

Grade for 2024-25 school year

Junior

Senior

Awards and honors

School activities and community service

_____ Hours per week _____

Work experience

Employer _____ Year _____

Position _____ Hours per week _____

Guardian information

Guardian name _____

Guardian email _____

Guardian phone _____

Applicant signature _____ Date _____

Guardian signature _____ Date _____

MNCPA Scholars Application Checklist

- Completed MNCPA Scholars application
- Student questionnaire (last page of this document)
- Recent academic transcript
- One reference questionnaire returned directly to the MNCPA by recommender

Submit application, student questionnaire (last page of this document), most recent transcript and reference questionnaire to Amy Johnston at ajohnston@mncpa.org or mail to the address listed below by **May 15, 2024**.

Amy Johnston
Minnesota Society of CPAs
1650 W. 82nd Street, Ste. 600
Bloomington, MN 55431

For questions, please contact Amy Johnston at (952) 885-5534.

Scholars Program

Student Questionnaire

Please complete the following questionnaire as part of your Scholars Program application. The tips below each question may help you focus your response. A simple paragraph for each question would be appropriate, however there is not a word minimum or maximum.

1. What interests you about the MNCPA Scholars Program?

Tip: Describe what you're looking forward to if selected as an MNCPA scholar.

2. Describe one of the most significant challenges you have faced and the steps you have taken to address this challenge.

Tip: Think about something you've struggled with that may have required you to turn to someone for help. Tell us what happened and what you learned from the experience.

3. What personal or academic goals have you established for yourself, and how are you working to accomplish them?

Tip: Give us an example of the work you've done or are doing to achieve your goals.

4. How will having a mentor help you reach your academic and professional goals?

Please return questionnaire (along with your application) to the attention of Amy Johnston at the Minnesota Society of CPAs, 1650 W. 82nd St., Ste 600, MN, 55431, or by email at ajohnston@mncpa.org by May 15, 2024.