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MARY ELLEN KIRKPATRICK LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Overview

In honor of the first woman chair of the Kansas Board of Accountancy and first woman to start a CPA firm in Kansas, the Mary Ellen Kirkpatrick Leadership Scholarship Award is awarded to a full-time student enrolled as an accounting major in his or her junior year, at the time of application, at a Kansas college or university.

Qualified students must demonstrate academic success in the accounting, economics, and business curriculums. Additional emphasis is placed upon the nominee's overall grades, involvement in leadership activities, willingness to comply with standards of professional responsibility, and overall moral character. The Mary Ellen Kirkpatrick Leadership Scholarship Award is not based on financial need.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$2,500

Number of Recipients: The scholarship is awarded to one selected student.

Selection Process: The Board of Trustees of the KSCPA Educational Foundation select the scholarship recipient during the March Board of Trustees meeting.

Open Date: November 1, 2020

Close Date: February 5, 2021

Application Process and Requirements:

- Must be a full-time student enrolled as an accounting major in his or her junior year, at the time of application, at a Kansas college or university.
- Must demonstrate academic success in the accounting, economics, and business curriculums.
- Must submit a completed scholarship application and include a copy of your transcript and resume
- Must have three references submit a letter of recommendation, with at least one being from a college professor or mentor in support of your accounting academic success to: scholarships@kscpa.org

Application (Must be completed by Student)

II. CONTACT INFORMATION

School Address: _____
City: _____ State _____ Zip _____
Permanent Address: _____
City: _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone: Home: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____
Email Address: _____

III. Interest in pursuing a career in accounting

Please describe when and why you first became interested in pursuing a career in accounting. Attach additional pages if necessary.

IV. Career plans

Please share your future career plans. Include information about the type of work you intend to seek (i.e. - public accounting or private industry, government, or education) and where you hope to work (i.e. – metropolitan or rural area; in Kansas or out-of-state). Attach additional pages if necessary. _____

V. Leadership activities not included in your resume

Please list leadership activities in which you have been involved. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Organization	Description of Activities	Dates of Involvement

VI. Leadership Philosophy

Complete a 600-word essay describing what being a leader means to you. Include in your essay two examples, 1) an example of a public figure you believe demonstrates leadership and their leadership qualities; 2) an example of a person you know personally who you believe to be a leader and why you believe that to be the case. Additionally, identify how you currently use the leadership qualities identified in your examples and how you see yourself using those qualities in the future. Cite references as appropriate using either MLA or APA style guidelines, Font style Times New Roman, double spaced, 12-point font.

Signature of Applicant

Date

IV. PHOTO

Please email one wallet sized portrait in JPG format with your name as the file title to **scholarships@kscpa.org**. This photo will remain separate from your application materials and will not be seen by the selection committee. Photos will only be used in publications announcing scholarship winners.

The application deadline for the Mary Ellen Kirkpatrick Leadership Scholarship is February 5, 2021. Please return your completed application, transcript and resume to:

By Email:
scholarships@kscpa.org

-OR-

By Mail:
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