



*RI Business Forum*

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## **RI Society of CPAs 2025 Scholarship Application Process**

Rhode Island Society of CPAs is pleased to announce the scholarship application process for 2024-2025 is now open. Rhode Island students pursuing an accounting or finance major at any private or public college or university who meet the criteria are encouraged to apply. All applicants must provide proof they are Rhode Island citizen.

### **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, 2155 Diamond Hill Road Cumberland, RI 02864 or via email to [info@riscpa.org](mailto:info@riscpa.org) on or before March 15, 2025.**

Questions on the application process can be directed to the RI Society office at 401-331-5720 or [info@riscpa.org](mailto:info@riscpa.org). Thank you for your interest!



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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.

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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.

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Accounting Dept. Counselor (Print name)

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Accounting Dept. Counselor Signature