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Applications for the AICPA's [Accounting Scholars Leadership Workshop](#) are now being accepted. Now in their 20th year, the Workshops are an annual invitational program for minority accounting students who plan to pursue the CPA designation.

The two day Workshop features speakers, panel discussions and interactive programs designed to strengthen attendees' professional skills and highlight the career benefits of earning the CPA credential. Sessions include topics such as acing the CPA exam, navigating corporate culture, financial literacy and thinking like an entrepreneur.

"The AICPA's Accounting Scholars Leadership Workshop is an excellent opportunity for minority accounting majors to hear first-hand what a career in the CPA profession entails," said Kim Drumgo, AICPA Director, Diversity and Inclusion and Vice Chair of the [National Commission on Diversity and Inclusion](#). "Armed with enhanced insight into the profession and skills built through training sessions, students emerge from the Workshop with a better understanding of where their CPA license can take them and the necessary steps to get there."

The Accounting Scholars Leadership Workshop has had a positive impact on the lives of thousands of college students by helping them prepare for a successful career in the accounting profession. In addition, the program provides attendees ample opportunities to network with current CPAs and among each other.

"The Accounting Scholars Leadership Workshop provided me with an opportunity to learn more about a career in the accounting profession, while connecting with many passionate students from across the country," said Matthew Calima, a Business

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- Kansas Society of CPAs, July 10-12
- Florida Institute of CPAs, July 24-26

The Workshop is open to ethnic minorities who are sophomore, junior, senior, 5th year, or graduate students and have declared a major in accounting, finance or tax with an intent to pursue the CPA credential. Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, be actively involved in campus and community activities and be a Student Affiliate Member of the AICPA as well as a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident.

The Accounting Scholars Leadership Workshop is one of the ways in which the AICPA promotes diversity and inclusion in the accounting profession. The goal of the AICPA's efforts in this area, including the [National Commission on Diversity and Inclusion](#), is to identify strategies that will increase the advancement of underrepresented minorities in the accounting profession.

More information on the Accounting Scholars Leadership Workshop is at www.ThisWayToCPA.com/ASLW.

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