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# AICPA Awards \$120,000 in Scholarships to Community College Transfer Students

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The [American Institute of CPAs \(AICPA\)](#) has awarded a total of \$120,000 to recipients of its Two-Year Transfer Scholarship. The scholarship is given each year to exemplary students transferring from a two-year college to a four-year college or university to finish their accounting degrees. Twenty-four students will receive \$5,000 each toward their tuition.

“For many students, community college is a pathway to the accounting profession,” said Joanne Fiore, Association of International Certified Professional Accountants vice president of professional media, academic and student engagement. “The Two-Year Transfer Scholarship award recognizes promising students who aspire to join the profession and helps them in the process by providing resources and guidance as they work toward becoming a CPA.”

By offering open admission and lower costs, community colleges make higher education possible for millions of American students each year. Community colleges also provide a pathway for many students into four-year institutions, giving them an opportunity to earn bachelor’s degrees and enter professions such as accounting.

To be eligible for the Two-Year Transfer Scholarship, students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and intend to major in accounting or a related field at their four-year

school. A task force comprised of AICPA Student Recruitment Committee members and CPA volunteers selects the recipients based on academic excellence, leadership skills, volunteerism and overall commitment to becoming a licensed CPA. Recipients also become [Student Affiliate Members](#) of the AICPA.

The 2018-19 AICPA Foundation Two-Year Transfer Scholarship award recipients are listed below in alphabetical order along with the two-year college they transferred from and the four-year college they are currently attending:

- Colleen McNulty – Transferred from College of Southern Maryland to Towson University
- Christian Watkins – Transferred from Northwest Florida State College to University of West Florida
- Diana Tupikova – Transferred from Spokane Community College to Gonzaga University
- Sarah Grigg – Transferred from Northern Virginia Community College to George Mason University
- Christopher Veno – Transferred from Norwalk Community College to Sacred Heart University
- Andrea Godinez – Transferred from Moraine Valley Community College to University of Illinois
- George Parkinson – Transferred from Salt Lake Community College to Dixie State University
- Gabriel Envani – Transferred from Navarro College to University of Texas at Dallas
- Jacob Coker – Transferred from Snead State Community College to Auburn University
- Gabriela Quintanar – Transferred from Palm Beach State College to Florida Atlantic University
- Marlu Cicero Reyes – Transferred from San Joaquin Delta College to University of the Pacific
- Kobe Cong – Transferred from Portland Community College to Oregon State University
- Troy Waller – Transferred from Chandler-Gilbert Community College to Arizona State University
- Taylor Wilson Transferred from East Los Angeles College to California State University-Los Angeles
- Austin Dahlstrom – Transferred from Palm Beach State College to Florida Atlantic University

- Nyia Archie – Transferred from Gadsden State Community College to University of Alabama at Huntsville
- Cynthia Garcia – Transferred from Waubensee Community College to Northern Illinois University
- Hoa Tran – Transferred from Cypress College to California State University-Fullerton
- Jared Allen – Transferred from Salt Lake Community College to University of Utah
- Samantha Moreno – Transferred from Cerritos College to University of Southern California
- Joseph Wray – Transferred from Holyoke Community College to University of Massachusetts-Amherst
- Sharee Alpeche – Transferred from Kauai Community College to University of Hawaii at West Oahu
- Danny Tolayo – Transferred from Harold Washington College to DePaul University

The Two-Year Transfer Scholarship award is part of the AICPA's [Legacy](#) Scholarships program. In 2018-19, AICPA Legacy Scholarship awards have provided \$686,000 to 145 deserving accounting students.

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