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or taking the CPA exam, including college tuition toward CPA eligibility...

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In 1921, 25 years after the first certified public accountant (CPA) certificate was granted in the United States, John W. Cromwell Jr. became the first Black CPA. He opened a door through which thousands of Black accountants would eventually pass. That door has opened wider thanks to the Aspiring Black CPA Scholarship—a one-time national scholarship initiative established to provide immediate financial

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Shapiro, president and CEO of the Illinois CPA Society, speaking on behalf of the Black CPA Centennial’s organizing partners. “The 100 scholarships we’ve been able to award, in honor of the 100-year commemoration, are going directly to deserving students and professionals to provide meaningful financial assistance to each of them as they strive to overcome their unique financial barriers during their pursuit of the coveted CPA credential.”

The scholarships will provide financial support for expenses related to preparing for or taking the CPA exam, including college tuition toward CPA eligibility, related classroom materials, CPA exam preparation courses, CPA exam application fees, tutors, and more. The Black CPA Centennial organizing partners are proud to announce the following 100 Aspiring Black CPA Scholarship recipients:

Name	State
Valencia Adams	Georgia
Dolapo Adekoya	Texas
Chinaza Akam	Illinois
Moyinoluwa Akin-Adamu	Georgia
Ashley Alexander	Illinois
Christopher Bailey	Michigan
Jamo Baldeh	Wisconsin
Japhet Bampelenga	Illinois

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Rajana Britton	Wisconsin
Andre Brown	Texas
Corey Brown	Georgia
Courtney Bryan	District of Columbia
Brittney Burke	Georgia
Amber Champion	Georgia
Veraon Clemmons	Tennessee
Seanette Culmer	Florida
Nia Douglass	Georgia
Darius Enoch	California
Shaska Fipps	Illinois
Iman Ford	Illinois
Hope Franklin Pierce	Illinois
Caitlin Fullerton	Georgia
Abigail Gayden	Georgia
Gabrielle Graham	Georgia

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Linda Ihedioha	Georgia
Jordyn jackson	Texas
Naomi Jackson	Indiana
Della James	Michigan
Emmanuela Jean-Baptiste	Florida
Dedjrik Jefferies	Maryland
Creeana Jefferson	Georgia
Deandre Johnson	Colorado
Jemilyia Johnson	Illinois
Larry Johnson	South Carolina
Brenda Jones	North Carolina
Kristy Joseph	New York
Carel Kawele Kuzona	Illinois
Kasei Lewis	Missouri
David Long	Florida

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Robert Ndaye Muange	Illinois
Nadine Nikiema	Georgia
Kemei Oates	North Carolina
Eldrin Oatis	Illinois
Gail O’Banner	Illinois
Ogochukwu Obiagwu	Ohio
Chiedozie Okafor	Maryland
Huzein Olagunju	Texas
Beauty Olonilua	Illinois
Lolade Onasanya	Illinois
Tasharie Ormsby	Georgia
Brittney Oti	Louisiana
Darrell Pacheco	Virginia
Kaydan Pascual	Illinois
Erica Peebles	Florida

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Reynard Scott	Arkansas
Nia Simmons	Indiana
Kirstyn Smith	California
Dante Steele	Maryland
Javenia Stephens	Georgia
Louvenia Stephens	Georgia
Michael Sterling	Florida
Eric Tamakloe	Illinois
Elizabeth Taylor	Georgia
Erica Thomas	Georgia
Terkessa Toombs	Nevada
Mercy Towett	North Carolina
Danielle Troupe	Indiana
Jazmine Turner	Texas
Deborah Warmate	Alabama

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