

Pacific Scholarship

Application 2023

CPA Australia Pacific Scholarships

CPA Australia offers up to two scholarships annually to tertiary students of Pacific Islands descent*.

The intent of the Pacific Scholarship is to help address the under-representation in the accounting profession of those of Pacific Islands descent.

The scholarships will assist the recipients to meet the educational requirements needed to attain CPA status. The scholarship recipients will be exempt from all CPA Program subject fees and from the first year's membership fees as an Associate (ASA).

Eligibility

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must:

- be of Pacific Islands descent;
- be aged 18 years or over;
- be studying at a tertiary institution towards the requirements to join CPA Australia as an Associate and have completed a minimum of two year's study as part of a CPA Australia-accredited course#; and
- be residing in New Zealand, Fiji or the Pacific** (but not necessarily a resident of New Zealand, Fiji or the Pacific for tax purposes) for the duration of the scholarship .

To complete the CPA Program, applicants must hold as a minimum, a New Zealand bachelor's degree that is accredited by CPA Australia, or an overseas bachelor's degree that CPA Australia has assessed as being comparable to an Australian bachelor's degree. Applicants may need to complete additional accredited units to meet Associate membership requirements. Applicants can apply to join CPA Australia before their tertiary results are finalised.

Selection process

The scholarship will be awarded by CPA Australia solely based on merit, against the selection criteria set out in the CPA Australia 'Pacific Scholarship' Terms and Conditions. CPA Australia's decision will be final and only the successful applicant(s) will be contacted. A maximum of two scholarship recipients will be selected annually, however, CPA Australia is not obliged to award the scholarship. Subject to consent, scholarship recipients will be announced through CPA Australia's social media and member communications channels.

Termination

A scholarship will be terminated and the recipient will receive no further payments from the date of termination, if any of the following occur:

- false or misleading information is provided in the application or during the scholarship term;
- a recipient ceases their membership with CPA Australia for any reason;
- a recipient fails any CPA Program examination three times (whether it is for the same subject or different subjects);
- a recipient fails to meet the eligibility criteria and conditions of their scholarship;
- a recipient is found guilty of a criminal offence.

* Pacific Islands descent includes Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji (iTaukei), Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Rapanui (Easter Island).

** the Pacific region, being the Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Norfolk Island, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu (collectively, the Pacific),

#Find out more about recognised degrees at www.cpaaustralia.com.au/become-a-cpa/about-the-cpa-program/your-degree

Application procedure

Only applicants who meet the eligibility criteria and submit a complete application package will be considered. Applicants must submit:

- a completed application form
- evidence of Pacific Islands descent (i.e. birth certificate)
- a curriculum vitae (CV)
- evidence of Pacific or New Zealand residency (i.e., a utility bill or bank statement* displaying their residential address)
- a cover letter detailing their planned professional career and the reasons for wanting to be a CPA (400-word limit);
- a letter of recommendation from a community leader within the Pacific community supporting the character of the applicant, outlining their achievements and contribution to the community; and
- a copy of their most recent academic transcript showing subjects passed and grades awarded, and the years in which they passed.

Applicants, on completing their application form, will be asked to read and accept the CPA Australia 'Pacific Scholarship' Terms and Conditions, outlining the terms and conditions applicable to the scholarship.

Any personal information collected by, or on behalf of, CPA Australia in connection with scholarship applications will be handled in accordance with the CPA Australia 'Pacific Scholarship' Terms and Conditions and the CPA Australia Privacy Policy.

Applications must be emailed to pacific@cpaaustralia.com.au

Subject line of email: Pacific Scholarship Application

Applications must be received by 5.00pm (NZST) on Saturday 30th September 2023

Further information

All enquiries should be emailed to pacific@cpaaustralia.com.au

What happens next?

Scholarship recipients will be announced on Tuesday 24 October 2023.

* Where providing a bank statement, only the name and residential address of the applicant is required. All other information may be redacted.

Application form

All fields are mandatory to complete.

Your personal details

Given name _____

Family name _____

Address _____

Country _____ Postcode _____

Preferred telephone number _____

Email address _____

Details from community leader providing the letter of recommendation*

Referee's name _____

Email address _____

Application checklist

Selection documentation

Have you provided a brief curriculum vitae?

Yes No

Are you eligible to join CPA Australia as an Associate and enrol in the CPA Program professional level?

Yes No

Have you provided a letter of support?

Yes No

Have you provided a cover letter?

Yes No

Have you provided evidence of your Pacific Islands Decent (Birth Certificate)?

Yes No

Have you provided a copy of your academic transcript?

Yes No

Have you provided evidence of your Pacific, Fiji or New Zealand residency?

Yes No

* It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure third parties have granted prior consent to their name and contact information being provided to CPA Australia.

Privacy statement

CPA Australia recognises the importance of protecting your personal information and is committed to processing it responsibly and in compliance with applicable data protection laws. Any personal information collected by, or on behalf of CPA Australia in connection with your scholarship application, is required to process your application, assess your eligibility and, where applicable, contact and award you a scholarship, and will be handled in accordance with the CPA Australia 'Pacific Scholarship' Terms and Conditions and the **CPA Australia Privacy Policy**.

Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that:

the information I have provided is true and correct

CPA Australia may make reasonable inquiries to validate the information provided in this application

the provision of false or misleading information may result in my application being excluded or scholarship being forfeited

my personal information will be handled in accordance with the CPA Australia Privacy Policy.

Consent

I consent to:

direct marketing on CPA Australia membership, services, and products

If I am selected as a recipient of the scholarship, I consent to use of my:

name as the scholarship winner being published on CPA Australia social media channels and/or member communication channels

name, university or higher education facility, country, personal image and/or application submitted, on CPA Australia (and owned brands) social media accounts like Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, Weibo, WeChat, Tencent, Youku, WhatsApp and potentially other social media channels like LinkedIn closed groups (Advertising)

image howsoever recorded, in the Advertising in any medium in the world (including without limitation, in print or a broadcast, or by transmission or communication to the public, electronically, digitally or by other medium not now existing).

I confirm that I have read and accept:

CPA Australia's 'Pacific Scholarship' Terms and Conditions

CPA Australia's Privacy Policy available at cpaaustralia.com.au/privacy-policy-and-statement.

Signature

Date