

The “Rising Star” Scholarship program was designed by Cherry Bekaert to recognize and reward Fisher School of Accounting juniors who have distinguished themselves after the completion of all required 3000 level accounting courses. The winners of these \$3,500 scholarships will be selected by the Fisher School of Accounting faculty Awards Committee. Winners will be announced, and scholarship proceeds will be disbursed early 2024. In making its decisions, the Committee will use a holistic approach and consider all attributes it deems relevant selecting scholarship recipients.

About the Firm (www.cbh.com): As a nationally recognized, growth-oriented CPA firm, Cherry Bekaert provides guidance and support that helps our clients move forward to reach their organizational goals. Our Firm’s industry specialists understand the marketplace, so we can help our clients make the most of emerging opportunities while minimizing compliance headaches.

Ranked among the nation’s largest accounting and consulting firms in the country, Cherry Bekaert specializes in offering solutions that impact our clients’ ability to grow. For more than 75 years, global corporations, private businesses, government entities, nonprofits, emerging firms, start-ups and successful individuals have relied on Cherry Bekaert to guide them forward to their growth destination.

With offices throughout Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Washington D.C., and through our alliance with Allinial Global, an association of independent accounting services and consulting firms, our service reach extends nationally and internationally.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be an accounting major in good academic standing.
- At the end of Spring 2024 drop/add, must be registered to complete both ACG 4111 and ACG 4341 no later than Spring 2024. Must not yet have enrolled in ACG 4632, TAX 4001, ACG 5637, ACG 5647, TAX 5025, or TAX 5027.
- Applicants must be US citizens and those entitled to reside permanently in the US.
- Applicants will be invited to a social event, February 13, 2024, hosted by Cherry Bekaert, where the scholarship recipients will be announced. Attendance at this event is required to be awarded the scholarship.
- If are awarded a scholarship and your financial aid limits your ability to receive this award for the Spring 2024 term, your award will be applied to a future term instead.

REQUIRED INFORMATION:

1. Name: _____
2. UF ID: _____
3. Local Address: _____

Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
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4. Best Phone Contact No.: _____
5. Gatorlink E-mail Address: _____@ufl.edu
6. What semester have you/will you be completing these courses (must be completed by Spring 2024): ACG 4111: _____ ACG 4341: _____
7. Are you a US citizen or permanent resident? Yes No
8. Attach your current resume to this application.
9. Complete a one page (double spaced, font size 10-12) letter explaining your choice of accounting as a major, your short-term and long-term career aspirations, and any activities in which you are currently engaged besides your academic coursework.
10. Do you authorize the Fisher School of Accounting to access your academic transcript for the purpose of being considered for the Cherry Bekaert Scholarship? The information will be used by the FSOA Awards Committee to evaluate candidates.
 Yes No (If no, then you cannot be considered for the Rising Star Scholarship Program)
11. Would you like Cherry Bekaert LLP to provide you with information about their Summer Connect Leadership Program?
 Yes No (Optional)

I certify that the information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that if I am an award recipient, my name may be posted on the FSOA website or may be used by the firm to publicize the Rising Star program. In addition, I agree to have my name and email address provided to Cherry Bekaert for the purpose of sending invitations to the social event mentioned above. I further understand that in the event some or all of the funds are not able to be dispersed in the Spring term, the remaining balance may be used for a future term, including the following academic year, and if applicable, can be used to cover the additional cost of graduate-level courses.

Signature _____ Date _____
(If using electronic signature, you must email your application using your UF email account.)

Submit complete application to: fsoa@warrington.ufl.edu. Deadline for submission is January 12, 2024. This application, and other scholarship information, can be found at the [FSOA Financial Aid](#) page.