

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 \$3,000 scholarships will be selected by the Fisher School of Accounting faculty Awards Committee. Winners will be announced, and scholarship proceeds will be disbursed early 2025. 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): For over 75 years, Cherry Bekaert has provided high-quality financial and management services to a diverse and successful client base. Thousands of clients look to Cherry Bekaert’s accountants and advisors for innovative and professional guidance on important operational and financial matters that advance their business goals.

Currently ranked among the nation’s largest accounting firms, Cherry Bekaert is uniquely positioned to impart quality, cost-effective and practical advice to clients that include multinational corporations, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, governmental entities, emerging firms, startups and successful individuals.

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 2025 drop/add, must be registered to complete both ACG 4111 and ACG 4341 no later than Spring 2025. 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 at The Swamp on **February 3rd, 2025**, 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 2025 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.: _____ Gatorlink E-mail Address: _____@ufl.edu
5. What semester have you/will you be completing these courses (must be completed by Spring 2025): ACG 4111: _____ ACG 4341: _____
6. Are you a US citizen or permanent resident? Yes No
7. Attach your current resume to this application.
8. 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.
9. 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)
10. Would you like to share your scholarship application with Cherry Bekaert?
 Yes No (Optional)
11. Would you like Cherry Bekaert 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 17th, 2025. This application, and other scholarship information, can be found at the [FSOA Financial Aid](#) page.