



Cherry Bekaert

Your Guide Forward

“Rising Star” Junior Scholarship Program

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The Cherry Bekaert “Rising Star” Scholarship recognizes Fisher School of Accounting juniors who have distinguished themselves after the completion of all required 3000 level accounting courses. Winners of the \$3,000 scholarships will be selected by the Fisher School of Accounting faculty Awards Committee. Recipients will be announced and funds will be disbursed in early 2026. In making its decisions, the Committee will use a holistic approach and consider all attributes it deems relevant selecting scholarship recipients.

ABOUT CHERRY BEKAERT:

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be an accounting major in good academic standing.
- At the end of Spring 2026 drop/add, must be registered to complete both ACG 4111 and ACG 4341 no later than Spring 2026. 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 on **Tuesday, February 17th, 2026**, hosted by Cherry Bekaert, where the scholarship recipients will be announced. Attendance at this event is required to be awarded the scholarship.

REQUIRED INFORMATION:

1. Name: _____
2. UF ID: _____
3. Local Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code
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 2026): 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 Fisher School of Accounting 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 Fisher School of Accounting 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 16th, 2026. This application, and other scholarship information, can be found at the [Fisher School of Accounting Financial Aid](#) page.