

COAGA Scholarship Program Information and Application

The Central Ohio Chapter of the AGA (COAGA) will be awarding five scholarships to active members, or other selected candidates who are currently enrolled in full or part-time study in a college or universities accounting, business, finance, or computer science programs (or college acceptance pending). Children/grandchildren of an active AGA member who are currently enrolled in full or part-time study in a college or university with any major also qualify (or college acceptance pending).

Award Amounts: Five scholarships, up to \$1,000 each
Closing Date for Applications: April 4, 2025
Award Announcement: No later than May 31, 2025

Submission Requirements:

The following items are required to be included in the scholarship submission:

1. Enrollment - Applicants must be currently enrolled in/committed to an undergraduate or graduate program (full-time or part-time) in an accredited college or universities:
 - a. accounting, business, finance, or computer science programs, or
 - b. be of any major if a child/grandchild of an active AGA memberIf acceptance/commitment is pending, please explain situation in essay. If selected for scholarship, proof of acceptance/commitment may be required prior to scholarship being disbursed.
2. Application Completion - Applicants must complete an application.
3. Personal Statement and Essay - Applicants must submit a personal statement and an essay of 500 words or less that describes your proposed career plans and why you deserve this scholarship.
4. Letter of Recommendation - Applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from a supervisor, teacher or professor.
5. Transcript - Applicants must submit a transcript from their High School or their college/university, whichever is most current.

Scholarship Award Criteria:

The following criteria will be considered for award:

1. Academics - GPA
2. AGA Member Relations – All applicants are welcome even if they do not have ties to an active AGA member; however, additional consideration will be given to AGA members and relatives of active AGA members. At least one scholarship will be awarded to a member/family member, if applicable.
3. Application Presentation – Applications should be carefully completed and well presented.
4. Personal Statement and Essay – Personal statement should be well written and provide insight into the applicant's circumstances and character. Essay should be well written and describe the applicant's proposed career plans and why they deserve the scholarship.
5. Letter of Recommendation – Recommendation should be from a recent supervisor, teacher, or professor.

Note: Prior recipients are eligible to apply; however, if an applicant received this scholarship in the immediate prior year and other qualified applications are received, they will be given preference.

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Submissions:

The following documents must be provided by the applicant via email no later than April 4, 2025.

(Note: If all information is not received prior to the deadline, the applicant will be disqualified.)

1. Completed Application
2. Personal Statement and Essay
3. Letter of Recommendation
4. Transcript from High School/College

All documents should be sent to: tlridenbaugh@ohioauditor.gov. Please note the email system will not accept zip files.

Questions:

Please contact Tiffany Ridenbaugh, COAGA Scholarship Chair, at tlridenbaugh@ohioauditor.gov.

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Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

College/University (currently attending/committed): _____

Degree Sought and Major (Bachelors, Masters, etc.): _____

Current Academic Year (Senior, Junior, etc.) _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Cumulative Unweighted GPA/4.0 Scale: _____

Student Identification Number: _____

(Can provide later if scholarship is awarded)

AGA Member Information, (if applicable):

Name _____

Relationship _____

Membership #: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

(a digital signature or typing your name are acceptable)

Personal Statement

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Essay

Description of your proposed career plans and why you deserve this scholarship. Be specific about why you have selected your career path. Please include any work-related experience, including internships and volunteer projects, which relate to your planned field of study/career choice. Please limit your response to 500 words or less.