

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

State Board of Accountancy

(New Administrative Regulation)

201 KAR 1:200. Board of Accountancy Scholarship Funding.

RELATES TO: KRS 325.240

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 325.240(7)(b)

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 325.240(7)(b) authorizes the Kentucky State Board of Accountancy to expend funds from its account created by KRS 325.250 to support scholarship programs that assist students enrolled in a Kentucky based college or university who also satisfy other criteria contained in an administrative regulation promulgated by the Board. This administrative regulation identifies the scholarship program that will be supported by the Board and establishes the selection criteria that will be used in connection with the scholarship funds awarded by the Board.

Section 1. Definitions.

- (1) "Board" is defined by 325.220(2).
- (2) "CPA" means certified public accountant.
- (3) "Educational Foundation of the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants" means the 501(c)(3) organization established in 1961 by Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants to strengthen and advance the profession through enriched educational programs and scholarships.
- (4) "Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants" means the statewide, non-profit professional organization, founded in 1924, serving certified public accountants in public accounting firms, business, industry, government and education.

Section 2. Scholarship Funding.

- (1) The Board's support of scholarship programs shall include financial contributions made directly to the scholarship program operated by the Educational Foundation of the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants, which recognizes scholastic achievement and leadership qualities in students who plan to become CPAs.
- (2) Decisions regarding the amount and timing of the Board's scholarship funding distributions to the program shall be made at the sole discretion of the Board, and such expenditures shall in no way hinder or interfere with the performance of the Board's regulatory purpose or statutory responsibilities.

Section 3. Administration of the Scholarship Program and Criteria for Awards.

- (1) Program scholarships funded by the Board shall be administered by the trustees of the Educational Foundation consistent with the existing administrative guidelines of its scholarship program.
- (2) Apart from its monetary contributions, the Board shall have no involvement in any administration of the scholarship program. Even with regard to scholarship awards funded by the Board, members of the Educational Foundation of the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants shall continue to administer the program under its existing guidelines.
- (3) As the one and only departure from the existing parameters and guidelines of the scholarship program established and administered by the Educational Foundation of the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants, to be eligible to receive scholarship funds provided by the Board, an applicant shall be enrolled in a Kentucky-based college or university.
- (4) In all other respects, the existing parameters and guidelines of the scholarship program established and administered by the Educational Foundation of the Kentucky

Society of Certified Public Accountants governing applicant eligibility; the application process; selection criteria; the selection process; and award amounts, distribution and permitted use, shall be utilized in connection with scholarship awards funded by the Board's financial contributions.

(5) Information on each of those specific elements of the Educational Foundation's scholarship program can be found on the website of Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants, kycpa.org.

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PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., EST at the office of the Board located at 332 W. Broadway, Suite 310 Louisville, Kentucky 40202. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who wishes to be heard will be given the opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted until the end of the day (11:59 p.m.) February 29, 2024. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

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