

GUIDELINES

Nineteenth Annual

Student Manuscript Competition

Sponsored by the

Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants' Editorial Committee

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the competition is to encourage non-CPA undergraduate and graduate accounting students at Tennessee colleges and universities to address, in writing, those issues which affect the accounting profession.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

This competition is limited to non-CPA undergraduate or graduate accounting students at a Tennessee college or university. Only manuscripts submitted through the college's accounting program administrator will be accepted.

PRIZE:

The author of the best paper, as determined by the TSCPA Editorial Committee, will be awarded a commemorative plaque and a \$900 check to be applied toward the student's educational expenses. The winning entry will also be considered for publication in the *Tennessee CPA Journal*. The second place winner will receive a \$500 check and the third place winner will receive a \$300 check.

TOPIC:

“Why are CPAs important to the financial health of our nation's economy?”

RULES & GUIDELINES:

- 1.) The following rules apply for each submission:
 - A six to 10-page manuscript and 50-75 word abstract included
 - Both abstract and manuscript typed with a 12 pt. font on white 8-1/2" x 11" paper with one-inch margins, double-spaced
 - Manuscript must include:
 - Title, introduction and conclusion that are clearly marked as subheads within the document. Any other use of subheads is encouraged to identify paragraph transitions.
 - Footnotes on separate page: The text of the manuscript must include references to the footnotes.
 - Exhibits and tables: Should be clearly referenced in the text of the paper and printed on a separate page.
 - Submit one hard copy and a copy of the submission on a CD. The file should be a Microsoft document or a text-only document.

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- 2.) Manuscripts are evaluated for clarity and precision of presentation, current perspective on issues, plausibility of conclusion drawn, writing style, writing level and direct reference to pronouncements, authoritative literature and regulations. If the paper does not have a footnote or refer to an official statement, the paper is disqualified.
- 3.) Manuscripts must include an **Author Information Sheet** with the student's name, permanent address, college or university, the accounting professor's name and be signed and submitted by the college's accounting program administrator. To secure an Author Information Sheet, students should contact the school's accounting department chair or the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants.
- 4.) The college's accounting program administrator will critique the manuscripts and select the best representation(s) of those submitted. Selections will be based on adherence to guidelines as stated in Rule 1 and good writing skills. **Note that a manuscript will be disqualified if it does not meet the stated requirements in Rule 1.**

DEADLINE:

Manuscripts must be submitted by **March 19, 2010** to the college's accounting program administrator for submission to the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants by **March 26, 2010**. Send entry(ies) to: Tennessee Society of CPAs, ATTN: Jennifer Batchelor, 201 Powell Place, Brentwood, TN, 37027.

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