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**Re: The American Association of Attorney-Certified Public Accountants, Inc. Mentoring Scholarship Program**

Dear Dr. Harmelink:

Congratulations on a fine accounting program you and your colleagues have developed at the University of New Orleans! It's been quite a long time since we've spoken. Thanks in part to the University of New Orleans (UNO) and people like you and Dr. John S. Ellett, II, I am pleased to report that I have been elected President of **The American Association of Attorney-Certified Public Accountants (AAA-CPA)** for the 2001 –2002 year.

As you may recall, I am a graduate of UNO with both an undergraduate degree in accounting (1982) and a master's degree in taxation (1987). On my behalf, Dr. Ellett wrote a letter of recommendation for me to enter law school at Tulane University, where I received my Juris Doctor in 1990. I attribute much of my professional success in the past decade to the mentoring I received at UNO from professors such as Dr. Ellett.

I am pleased to announce that I have established a new mentoring scholarship through **The Attorney-CPA Foundation** (a §501(c)(3) organization) for the benefit of an undergraduate student in accounting planning to attend law school. It is named after Robert W. Scharar, Esq., CPA, also one of my mentors, who is a Past President of the AAA-CPA as well as a former student of Dr. John S. Ellett, II. I am hopeful that you can identify a candidate from within the ranks of your undergraduate accounting students worthy of this scholarship. The only requirement is that the individual be a senior accounting major who has applied for admission to law school.

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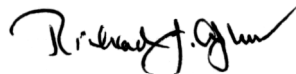
While the **Robert W. Scharar Mentoring Scholarship** is open to all students (both undergraduate and graduate students), the real requirement is that the accounting student has applied to law school or that a law student possesses an accounting degree with a view toward the CPA credential. It is our sincere hope that this mentoring scholarship will assist future Attorney-CPAs early in their academic careers. I would encourage you to have any qualified and interested students in your department apply for such a scholarship. Since I have made the initial funding of the Scharar Mentoring Scholarship possible, The Attorney-CPA Foundation may defer to my selection of the initial recipient. I would find no greater joy than to have that recipient come from the University of New Orleans.

For your review, I am forwarding a copy of *The Attorney-CPA*, our national newsletter, which includes my initial President's Message discussing my experience at UNO with Dr. Ellett as well as the unveiling of this program, along with a two page Scharar Mentoring Scholarship Application Form.

In the meantime, should you have any questions or if we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to email me at [Alphonso@attorney-cpa.com](mailto:Alphonso@attorney-cpa.com) or call me at 713-627-7660.

Keep up the good work at UNO!

Sincerely,



Richard J. Alphonso  
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**THE ATTORNEY-CPA FOUNDATION**  
**ROBERT W. SCHARAR MENTORING SCHOLARSHIP**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Currently Enrolled (College/University): \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**Law School Information**

Year Degree Expected \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Tuition: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Grants/Scholarships 2001/2002: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Loans 2001/2002: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your extracurricular activities in law school:

**General Information**

Please describe your experience and education in accounting.

Are you a CPA? \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Are you eligible to take the CPA exam? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your career goals?

Undergraduate Information

College or University \_\_\_\_\_

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If known)

Please describe your extracurricular activities as an undergraduate:

Additional Information:

You may attach a current resume if you wish.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Return Application To:  
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