

**APPLICATION FOR AFWA KATHLEEN M. STRUM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
ACCOUNTING & FINANCIAL WOMEN'S ALLIANCE**

Ames Chapter #158

Ames, Iowa

DUE March 1, 2026

**PLEASE READ AND COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION CAREFULLY!!
ONLY COMPLETED CANDIDATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.**

This \$1,500-\$2,000 scholarship may be awarded for the upcoming summer or fall 2026 semester. The recipient will be recognized in our Ames Chapter of AFWA.

The completed application must be received by March 1, 2026. An interview may be required.

An applicant for this scholarship must:

1. Be a non-traditional student
2. Major in accounting
3. Be a resident of or attend college in Story, Boone, or Marshall Counties of Iowa.
4. Support her family with one or more children

Instructions for Completing the Application:

- Answer all questions. If the information does not apply, please state as such.
- Include an official transcript from the most recent college listed.
- Attach an essay from 300 to 500 words on career goals and objectives, what it means to be a non-traditional student with children, what impact the candidate wants to have on the accounting world, community involvement and leadership examples.
- Attach a letter of recommendation from an individual such as a professor or an employer who can attest to your character and enthusiasm for the accounting professions. The letter of recommendation should include contact information for the person making the recommendation.
- Email or mail the completed application, essay, transcript and letter of recommendation to:
Email: scholarship@amesafwa.org Mail: Cindy Sippel, 1034 NE Aspen Circle, Ankeny, IA 50021. The completed application must be received by **March 1, 2026**.

1. APPLICATION INFORMATION

Date of Application
Name of Applicant

University or College Name
Student ID Number
Financial Aid Department Phone Number

2. PERSONAL DATA (Address and telephone number where applicant may be reached)

Address	
City/State/Zip	
Telephone	Email

3. ACADEMIC BACKGROUND (Post Secondary Schools Attended)

College/University 1.	
From - To	Expected Graduation Date
Major	Grade Point Average – Overall
Hours Completed	Grade Point Average – Accounting

College/University 2.	
From - To	
Major	Grade Point Average – Overall
Hours Completed	Grade Point Average – Accounting/Finance courses

College/University 3.	
From - To	
Major	Grade Point Average - Overall
Hours Completed	Grade Point Average – Accounting/Finance courses

***Attach one [1] current official transcript. ***

4. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

Extracurricular Activities and Offices Held (include academic, professional, etc.)
Honors and Awards Received

5. FINANCIAL BACKGROUND (Be sure Income >= Expense. Attach Financial Aid Transcript if available.)

YOUR Total Income	Academic Year <u>2025-2026</u>	Academic Year <u>2026-2027 (Estimate)</u>
Scholarships	_____	_____
Grants	_____	_____
Loans	_____	_____
Wages	_____	_____
Family	_____	_____
Savings	_____	_____
Other (describe)	_____	_____
TOTAL	_____	_____
YOUR Total Expense		
Educational Expenses	_____	_____
Tuition	_____	_____
Books/Supplies	_____	_____
Other (describe)	_____	_____
TOTAL	_____	_____

6. Are you self-supporting? (Yes/No) _____

If yes, number of dependents including you. _____

Ages of children in your household _____

7. Are you supported totally or partially by another person? _____

If yes, numbers of persons that person supports:
(include yourself and the supporter) _____

Total prior year gross income of person providing your support: _____

Current year expected gross income of that person: _____

8. ESSAY – Attach an essay from 300 to 500 words on career goals and objectives, what it means to be a non-traditional student with children, what impact the candidate wants to have on the accounting world, community involvement and leadership examples.

9. **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION** – Attach a letter of recommendation from an individual such as a professor or an employer who can attest to the candidate's character and enthusiasm for the accounting profession.
10. The candidate understands that, if selected, she will be asked to provide a digital picture and sign a release so that the Chapter can publish the picture and brief biography of a candidate. If required, a candidate may need to supply her Social Security number for reporting purposes. Please do not call or email requesting the status of your application. Application submission does not guarantee a scholarship.

I certify that the information contained in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that if selected for a scholarship, I must provide proof of current registration before receiving any scholarship funds.

Signature

Date