

2009 OSCPA Student Ethics Contest



It's time for the sixth annual OSCPA Ethics Contest. OSCPA student members have the chance to win scholarships by competing in an ethics case study sponsored by the OSCPA New CPA Committee. The case study contest will require citations referencing the AICPA Code of Ethics.

Qualification Requirements

- Enrolled and taking courses part or full time during the 2009-2010 school year at an Oklahoma college or university.
- A current student member of the OSCPA.
- Have an active e-mail address through which you can receive messages from the OSCPA regarding your application status and submit your contest entry to the OSCPA.
- Have completed a minimum of 12 hours of advanced accounting courses. These hours must include completion of Intermediate Accounting I and II with a grade of C or better. If Intermediate Accounting II is not complete, you must be enrolled in the course.
- Submit a transcript no later than Oct. 12, 2009 showing current enrollment and completion of the courses listed above. Transcript does not have to be an official copy.

Students who qualify will be notified by the OSCPA by Oct. 16, 2009. Participants will be e-mailed a copy of the case study at 8:00 a.m. on Oct. 20, 2009.

Length Requirements

Each paper must be between 1,000-1,500 words. Notes, appendices and supplemental materials do not count toward your word total. Only complete words and numbers will be counted. Appendix material must be directly referenced in the body of the paper. Extensive supplemental materials are inappropriate.

Citations

Citations—footnotes, endnotes or internal documentation—are required. Citations should be from the AICPA Code of Ethics. A link to the Code of Ethics will be provided to contestants in their acceptance packet. Citations are used to credit the sources of specific ideas as well as direct quotations. An extensively annotated footnote should not be used to get around the word limit.

Preparation Requirements

- Papers must be computer generated to fit on 8.5" x 11" paper with 1" margins on all sides. Pages must be numbered and double spaced, with 10 or 12 point font.
- A title page must be included with the following information: name, school, e-mail address and other contact information. This information should only be on the title page and not repeated thereafter.
- Each paper must be done by an individual. Papers submitted as a group or team will not be accepted.
- All papers should be grammatically correct and well written. Various types of writing styles are permitted, but must conform to overall contest rules.

Paper Submission

Each paper must be submitted by Nov. 3, 2009 at 5 p.m. to sgreuel@oscpa.com with the Subject Line "OSCPA Ethics Contest Paper." The paper should be in Microsoft Word format. Only one entry per student will be allowed. In the event multiple submissions are received, only the first submission will be accepted.

The winning papers may be partially published by contest officials; you must be prepared to give permission for such publication. Be sure to keep a copy of your paper for yourself. Documents will not be returned.

Judges

Entries will be judged by OSCPA Professional Ethics Committee members.

Evaluation and Grading of Paper

Papers will be randomly assigned to a judge and will be kept anonymous. Judges will work together to determine individual rankings. The judges may review the results of their initial evaluations to ensure accuracy in the process. Finally, judges will assign each entry an overall rating. Ratings are final and cannot be negotiated.

Ranking System

Judges assign one of three ratings for each criterion in clarity of presentation in papers: superior, excellent, and good. For a complete list of judging criteria please see the judging criteria attachment.

A superior paper will meet the following requirements:

- Entry is original in style and form.
- Thoughts are clearly represented and easily understood.
- Entry is well organized overall.
- Entry is grammatically correct.
- There are no spelling errors.
- Paper is composed correctly and presented neatly.

Awards

Scholarship prizes include: \$750 for first place; \$500 for second place; and \$250 for third place. The award is a scholarship only, not a cash prize. Scholarship may be used for college tuition, CPA exam prep courses, or the CPA exam. The OSCPA New CPA Committee will make the award available to the student through their school.

Questions?

Contact New CPA Committee Staff Liaison, Shaina Greuel, at (405) 841-3800, ext. 3829, (800) 522-8261 or by e-mail at sgreuel@oscpa.com.



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2009 OSCPA Ethics Contest Application



Sponsored by the New CPA Committee. See the accompanying page for contest deadlines and details.

Name _____

OSCPA Member ID Number _____

Primary e-mail address _____

Daytime phone number _____

Mailing address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Name of university where currently enrolled _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Registrar's phone number _____

Classification: Junior Senior Graduate Student

Total advanced accounting credit hours completed _____

Transcript Submitted? Yes No (Unofficial transcript required.)

Date Due: Oct. 12, 2009 **Date Submitted:** _____

Please note: This contest is open only to OSCPA student members. If you are not an OSCPA student member, please join online at www.oscpa.com. Student membership is \$25 a year.

Questions? For more information call New CPA Committee Staff Liaison Shaina Greuel at (405) 841-3800 ext. 3829, toll-free at (800) 522-8261, or e-mail sgreuel@oscpa.com. Log on to www.oscpa.com to learn more about the OSCPA.

Disclaimer: The OSCPA reserves the right to release or publish winners' names.



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2009 OSCPA Ethics Contest Judging Criteria



Paper Quality (40%)

- Shows analysis and interpretation.
- Shows research.
- Shows understanding of the scenario presented in the case.
- Shows understanding of auditor and business concerns.

Relation to AICPA Code of Ethics (40%)

- Clearly relates analysis to the AICPA Code of Ethics.
- Demonstrates significance of topic and draws appropriate conclusions.

Clarity of Presentation (20%)

- Written material is original, clear, appropriate, organized and well presented.
- Text is clear, grammatical and spelled correctly.
- Entry is neatly prepared.

Rules Compliance

- Proper length requirement.
- Appropriate annotations.



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