



The Institute of
Internal Auditors
Heartland-Iowa

The Heartland-Iowa Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors Annual Scholarship 2026-2027 Scholarship Application

Scholarship Overview

Through the generous support of our chapter, the IIA Heartland-Iowa Chapter has established a scholarship fund to provide financial assistance to those interested in pursuing educational opportunities in the field of information systems/technology (IS/IT), computer sciences, finance, accounting, risk management, or related studies (i.e., hereafter, the "Scholarship"). Individuals interested in applying for the Scholarship must complete the application and related information requirements as noted below. If you have any questions regarding this Scholarship application, please email: chapter260@iiachaptercommunications.org and indicate "2026/2027 IIA Heartland-Iowa Scholarship" in the subject line.

Scholarship Award

The IIA Heartland-Iowa Chapter is allocating one individual scholarship award of **\$1,000** for the scholarship academic year. The Scholarship award will be made payable in the name of the recipient.

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

The IIA Heartland-Iowa Chapter has established the following eligibility criteria for the Scholarship award requirements:

1. All candidates must be pursuing an associates, bachelor's, or master's degree.
2. All awards can be used for part-time and full-time programs.
3. The Scholarship award is applicable for one school year term only; however, recipients may re-apply in subsequent years.
4. Students must be enrolled for the scholarship academic year, focusing on information systems (IS), IT/Computer sciences, accounting, finance, risk management or related studies.
5. Students must be enrolled in an accredited university or community college in the Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois regions.
6. Minimum 3.25 (out of 4.0) Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA).
7. Completion of the scholarship application form, including supporting information.
8. Scholarship awards will be granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or national origin.
9. International students are welcome to apply.
10. Apply for student membership in the IIA at <https://www.theiia.org/en/membership/us/become-a-member/student/>
11. Recipient is invited and encouraged to attend, during the award period: 2 chapter events (free of charge) / 1 virtual IIA Heartland-Chapter board meeting to receive the reward.

Scholarship Procedures and Selection Criteria

The Scholarship application form and supporting documentation must be submitted electronically to the IIA Heartland Chapter Scholarship Committee at email address: chapter260@iiachaptercommunications.org no later than 11:59 pm US Central on December 15, 2026. Late submissions will not be accepted. All decisions made by the Scholarship Committee shall be considered final. Final award decisions will be made no later than February 26, 2027. The Scholarship Committee will review and evaluate all applications and supporting documentation and will award the Scholarships based on:

- ✓ Individuals that exhibit a sincere desire for further education or training in the related fields expressed above;
- ✓ Individual achievement as evidenced through participation in outside interests and activities, leadership roles and/or work experience;
- ✓ Grade point average and/or academic credentials; and,
- ✓ Other criteria as deemed appropriate by the Scholarship Committee.

Section 1 – Personal Information

Name:	
Campus Address:	Permanent Address:
Campus Phone:	Home or Cell Phone:
Email Address:	

Section 2 – Academic Information

University Name:	
GPA:	
Major(s):	
Expected Graduation Date:	
Number of Credit Hours Completed:	

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GPA:	
Major(s):	
Expected Graduation Date:	
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Section 3 – Activities and Interests

A. List and briefly describe any relevant work experience:

Position and Responsibilities	Employer	Dates of Employment

B. List and briefly describe *volunteer* activities in which you have been involved:

Organization Name	Position Held (Dates)	Description

C. List *honors* or *academic awards* you have received (e.g. scholarly activities, research, etc.):

Award/Honor	Institution/Organization	Date(s)

D. List and briefly describe your *extracurricular* activities (e.g. memberships in organizations, sports, etc.):

Organization Name	Position Held (Dates)	Description

Section 4 – Short Essays *(limit your responses to 300 words per question – you may use this form and the text boxes below to answer, or you may attach a separate document)*

A. Describe how any of the above experiences have influenced your decision to pursue a career in the fields of information systems (IS), computer science, finance, accounting, risk management, or related studies:

B. What are your future career aspirations or goals? How will receiving the scholarship aid in accomplishing this?

C. Is there any other information that we should know about you? This is your opportunity to include information that is not contained in other areas of the application. *Please be specific.*

Section 5 – Release of Information

I authorize the release of all Scholarship materials to the members of the IIA Heartland-Iowa Chapter Committee and its appointees. I certify that I have read and complied with the directions and requirements for applying for the IIA Heartland-Iowa Chapter 2026-2027 Scholarship. I here by assert that all information submitted is accurate and complete. I also understand that I may be contacted by the IIA Heartland-Iowa Chapter Scholarship committee or an appointee during this process for purposes of further clarifying information submitted and to respond to any additional questions that the IIA Heartland-Iowa Chapter Scholarship Committee has as it relates to my submission.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Section 6 – Scholarship Application Submission Check List

- ☐ Application form
- ☐ One(1) current letter of recommendation

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