

IMA Scholarship and Competition Opportunities for Accounting Professors and Students

The IMA and the Dallas Fort Worth Area Chapter have several scholarships which are available for college and university students, go to the Education Page at <http://www.dallasima.com/> for more information. We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities.

Students can also learn more about the CMA by visiting the CMA homepage at www.imanet.org/certification or by viewing the power point presentation at www.imanet.org/ppt/cma%20certification.ppt.

Many of your students may first work in public accounting after graduation. While the CPA will serve these students initially in their careers, the CMA will be the most appropriate professional designation for the vast majority of graduates that eventually leave public accounting or decide to work in the consulting services areas of CPA firms. Regardless of the career path of your students, now is the best time for them to take the CMA exams. Students can sit for the exams while they are still in school and studying relevant coursework and before obtaining work experience. By encouraging your student to enter the CMA program, you will be helping them distinguish themselves from their peers and helping provide them with the tools they need in their future careers.”

The Dallas Fort Worth Area Chapter Institute of Management Accountants Walter Massie Memorial Education Fund will provide \$1,500 in scholarships, \$500 minimum and \$1000 maximum scholarships. Applications for this must be submitted by April 1, 2010 using the IMA National Scholarship form which is located at http://www.imanet.org/pdf/Scholarship%20Program%2009-10_Awards.pdf. Individuals who are also applying for the National IMA Scholarships may provide the chapter with a copy of their National application. (Note - applications for the Dallas Fort Worth Area Chapter should be emailed to me (scarpenter_50@yahoo.com) or mailed to The Dallas Fort Area Chapter IMA, P.O. Box 612084, Dallas, TX 75261). The National and Dallas Fort Worth Area Chapter scholarships are independent of each other.

The IMA National Scholarship Program has the IMA Memorial Education Fund (MEF) and the Stuart Cameron and Margaret McLeod Memorial Scholarship (SCMS), ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000. The application for these must be postmarked on or before February 15, 2010. More information can be found at <http://www.imanet.org/pdf/Scholarship%20Program%202008-2009.pdf>.

The Dallas Fort Worth Area Chapter Institute of Management Accountants also encourages colleges and universities to participate in the IMA National Student Case Competition. Monetary awards will be made to the schools of the top 4 teams. Entries must be postmarked on or before February 1, 2010. More information can be found at http://www.imanet.org/pdf/2010%20Case%20Competition_Rules.pdf.

Student Manuscript Competition: Students are provided with an opportunity to share their membership experiences through submitting articles to be considered for publication in *Strategic Finance*. Deadline for submission is March 1, 2010.

Lastly, if anyone is interested in being a judge/reviewer for the student scholarships, awards and competitions (student scholarships, student case competition, award of excellence, Clark Johnson Achievement Award), please contact Jodi Ryan, Manager, Student and Academic Relations at 800-638-4427 x1556 or jryan@imanet.org.

Students need to be members of IMA before applying for the scholarship. The annual membership fee for students is \$39/year. The application may be made at www.imanet.org.