<u>Undergraduate/Graduate Accounting Scholarship</u> <u>Application</u>



Personal Information

Name: Gabrielle Briggs

Current Address: 874 Reading Rd Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Phone: (757) 757-406-4817 Email: gbrig004@odu.edu

Permanent Address: Same as current

Education Information

Degree Anticipated: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Accounting and Business Analytics

In Accounting and Dusiness Analytics

Expected Graduation Date: May 2014

Degree Granting University: Old Dominion University

Other Colleges/Universities Attended: Tidewater Community College

Major(s): N/A

Minor(s): N/A

Accounting GPA: 3.43 Overall GPA: 3.73

Attachments

(1) Un-Official Transcript.

(2) A brief description of your extracurricular activities.

(3) One recommendation from a faculty member

(4) One personal recommendation

(5) One-page essay answering the following questions:

How are you financing your education? How do you plan to use your degree?

Why should you be awarded this scholarship?

I certify that all the information on this application is correct

Signature ______ Date: 01/25/2013

Scholarships Amount: \$1,000

Eligibility:

- Applicant must currently be enrolled at an accredited Tidewater region college or university in an undergraduate/graduate program with the intent to pursue a degree in accounting
- ✓ Applicant must have completed at least six (6) hours of accounting and be currently registered for at least three (3) accounting credit hours
- ✓ Minimum overall GPA 3.0; minimum accounting GPA 3.0

Selection Criteria:

The following attachments are required:

- ✓ Un-official transcript 50%
- ✓ Extracurricular activities 10%
- ✓ Faculty recommendation
- ✓ Personal recommendation 5%
- ✓ Essay 25%

Deadline:

Return this application form and required attachments by January 25, 2013 to:

TCVSCPA

c/o Philip Redman 555 East Main Street, Suite 1600 Norfolk, VA 23510

For questions about completing this application only, email: predman@wec-cpa.com or at 757-533-4153

Student AcademicTranscript

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This is not an official transcript. Courses which are in progress may also be included on this transcript.

Information for GABRIELLE I. BRIGGS

Transfer Credit Old Dominion University Credit Transcript Totals Courses in Progress

Transcript Data STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: GABRIELLE I. BRIGGS

Curriculum Information

Current Program

Major and Department: Accounting, Accounting

Minor: Financial Management

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MATH	162M	PRECALCULUS I	TP	3.000	0.00
MATH	163	PRECALCULUS II	TP	3.000	0.00
OEAS	106N	INTRODUCTORY OCEANOGRAPHY	TP	4.000	0.00
PE	196+	TOPICS	TP	2.000	0.00
PHIL	110P	INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY	TP	3.000	0.00
PSYC	1ELE	ELECTIVE	TP	3.000	0.00
PSYC	201S	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY	TP	3.000	0.00
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Current	Term:	58.000 0.000	58.000	0.000 0.00	0.00

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Term: Fall 2011

Academic Standing: Good Academic Standing

Additional Standing: Dean's List

Subject	Course	e Level	l Title	Grade		Quality Start R Points and End Dates
ACCT	201	UG	PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTING	Α	3.000	12.00
ECON	202S	UG	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS	В	3.000	9.00
ENGL	112L	UG	INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE	Α	3.000	12.00
FR	101F	UG	BEGINNING FRENCH I	A-	3.000	11.10

Term Totals (Undergraduate)

	•			GPA Hours	Quality GPA Points	
Current Term:	12.000	12.000	12.000	12.000	44.10	3.67
Cumulative:	12.000	12.000	12.000	12.000	44.10	3.67

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Term: Spring 2012

Academic Standing: Good Academic Standing

Additional Standing: Dean's List

Subject	t Course	e Leve	l Title	Grade	Credit Hours	Quality Points	
ACCT	227	UG	HONORS-PRINCIP OF ACCOUNTING	Α	3.000	12.00	
FR	102F	UG	BEGINNING FRENCH II	Α	3.000	12.00	
MATH	200	UG	CALCULUS & MATRICES-BUS & ECON	Α	3.000	12.00	
PHIL	303E	UG	BUSINESS ETHICS	A-	3.000) 11.10	

Term Totals (Undergraduate)

	Attempt Hours				Quality G Points	PA
Current Term:	12.000	12.000	12.000	12.000	47.10	3.92
Cumulative:	24.000	24.000	24.000	24.000	91.20	3.80

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Term: Summer 2012

Academic Standing: Good Academic Standing

Subject Course Level Title						Quality Points	R
ACCT	301	UG	INTERMEDIATE ACCOUNTING	Α	3.000	12.00	
DSCI	206	UG	PROBABILITY-DEC ANALY-BUS STAT	Α	3.000	12.00	

Term Totals (Undergraduate)

	Attempt Hours	Passed Hours			. ,	GPA
Current Term:	6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000	24.00	4.00
Cumulative:	30.000	30.000	30.000	30.000	115.20	3.84

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Term: Fall 2012

Academic Standing: Good Academic Standing

Additional Standing: Dean's List

Subject Course Level Title Grade Credit Quality Start R Hours Points and

						End Dates
ACCT	302	UG	INTERMEDIATE ACCOUNTINGII	B+	3.000	9.90
ACCT	311	UG	MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING	В	3.000	9.00
BNAL	306	UG	STATISTICAL DATA ANALY-MGT SCI	Α	3.000	12.00
FIN	323	UG	INTRO FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	A	3.000	12.00
MGMT	325	UG	CONTEMP ORGANIZATIONS AND MGMT	B+	3.000	9.90

Term Totals (Undergraduate)

	•			GPA Hours	Quality GPA Points	1
Current Term:	15.000	15.000	15.000	15.000	52.80	3.52
Cumulative:	45.000	45.000	45.000	45.000	168.00	3.73

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Attempt Passed Earned GPA Quality GPA Hours Hours Hours Points

103.000 45.000 103.000 45.000 168.00

3.73

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Overall:

COURSES IN PROGRESS -Top-

Term: Spring 2013

Subject	t Course	e Leve	l Title	Credit Hours	Start and End Dates
ACCT	421	UG	Taxation	3.000)
ACCT	450	UG	International and Advanced Accounting	3.000)
FIN	331	UG	Legal Environment of Business	3.000)
IT	360T	UG	Principles of Information Technology	3.000)
OPMT	303	UG	Operations Management	3.000)

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Essay

My name is Gabrielle Briggs I am a senior Accounting and Business Analytics double major at Old Dominion University. I started my college career at Tidewater Community College where I struggled picking a major, and after my first semester my father told me I would have to finance my own education. I was on my own to figure out how to finance my schooling. After speaking with the financial advisor at Tidewater Community College, I found out that I needed to fill out a FAFSA which would determine my eligibility for financial assistance. After completing that process, I found out that my tuition would be covered by loans and a small Commonwealth Grant. I maintained at least two jobs throughout my time at TCC, and sometimes three, books were very expensive, and I would try to help my Dad out with the bills whenever I could. After a few years at Tidewater Community College, and determining my major would be in business, I transferred to Old Dominion University. The FAFSA process was the same as it was when I attended Tidewater Community College, but the tuition was more than double of that at TCC. Loans only covered part of my tuition this time around, and my books my first semester were around six hundred dollars. Of course I had maintain my three jobs to help pay for everything. Over the summers I would work around 60 or more hours a week waiting tables, so that I could save up money for the next year. After saving up during the summer, I was able to work less during the school year. Starting this past fall, I have increased my course load. As a result, I have, unfortunately, only been able to hold one job during the school year. The cost of my tuition and books gets more expensive every semester, but my loan amount has stayed the same increasing my out of pocket costs. If I was awarded this scholarship, I would take the check and put it in a CD or a savings account until next fall's tuition is due. The interest would be beneficial even though interest rates are extremely low – hey every little bit counts, right!

I plan on using my degree to find a job with a public accounting firm. I would also like to start studying, and taking parts of my CPA exam as soon as I graduate. I have already won a Becker review course, and plan to start studying for the test during my last semester in school. Over the summer, I have an internship with Dixon Hughes Goodman. I am very excited to start my internship because for me it signifies the very beginning of my career in accounting, and it is letting me see that all my hard work in college really is going to pay off. Next fall I plan on looking for a fulltime job or a spring internship. I cannot wait to finish next spring, and truly make the most of my degree.

I would be extremely grateful to receive this scholarship. I deserve this scholarship because I am a firm believer of a strong work ethic. I have never been just handed anything in my life, but I can admit when I do need help. I do need help to pay for school, and being awarded this scholarship would not affect my diligence. This scholarship would actually help reaffirm my motto that hard work pays off, and make me work even harder in my classes without being as stressed out about financing my education. Giving back to the community is very important, and hopefully one day I will be successful enough to start my own scholarship. Whether or not I win this scholarship I would like to thank you putting together this scholarship, and taking the time to read though my application. I would also like to thank you for the invaluable knowledge, and opportunities that I have taken away from attending some of the events you have had for students.

Extracurricular Activities:

Most of the extra time I have is taken up by being the current President of Beta Alpha Psi at Old Dominion University. I never thought being President would be as much work as it actually has been so far, but I wouldn't change a thing so far. The experiences I have had, and people I have met so far make me so thankful I was given the opportunity to become President. I will be able to carry the things I have learned from Beta Alpha Psi into my professional life, and beyond for the rest of my life. Anytime not spent with Beta Alpha Psi or with my classes is spent volunteering with homeless children at a church in Virginia Beach. Before I became President I volunteered there every week, and cannot wait to volunteer more regularly again next year.



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January 24, 2013

TCVSCPA c/o Philip Redman 555 East Main Street, Suite 1600 Norfolk, VA 23510

Re: 2013 TCVSCPA - Undergraduate/Graduate Accounting Scholarship - Gabrielle Briggs

The purpose of this letter is to recommend Gabrielle (Gabby) Briggs for the 2013 TCVSCPA - Undergraduate/Graduate Accounting Scholarship. I believe that Gabby is particularly deserving of this award because of her exceptional character traits as evidenced by her academic performance, leadership abilities, and community service activities.

I have known Gabby since the beginning of the spring 2012 semester, both as her instructor and as faculty advisor to Beta Alpha Psi (BAP), an honorary organization for Financial Information students and professionals. She is an extremely motivated and gifted student. I am currently instructing her in International and Advanced Accounting, where she is holding an A average. Moreover, her preparation and attendance is exemplary. She is not only excelling in my class, but has a 3.73 overall grade point average. Gabby has made the Dean's List each semester since enrolling in the fall of 2011.

However, Gabby's leadership is not only evidenced in the classroom. Since the beginning of the fall 2012 semester, she has been the president of BAP. Prior to that she was Chair of the Banquet Committee; and in that capacity successfully planned and organized the first Accounting Department/BAP end of year banquet held in over 10 years. In addition, she and three other chapter members presented and earned 3rd Place in the Best Practices of Social Networking Competition at the BAP Atlantic Coast spring 2012 Regional Meeting.

Gabby also finds time to help her fellow students as a Peer Educator for ODU. Furthermore, she is very involved in community service, where she spends over 20 hours per semester supporting such activities as Relay for Life.

In summary, Gabby is the consummate Old Dominion University accounting student who, while excelling in academics, has still found time to tutor, mentor other students, assume a leadership role in a variety of situations, and participate in community service activities.

Sincerely,

Randall R. Spurrier, CPA, MBA

Senior Lecturer, Department of Accounting



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Gabrielle Briggs

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Gabrielle Briggs for an Undergraduate/Graduate Accounting Scholarship. I have known Gabby for more than half her life and have watched her develop into an intelligent, inquisitive and poised young woman. She is an excellent communicator, yet does not waste words, and is always very observant. She has overcome a number of obstacles to further her future plans, including self-financing her education. She has demonstrated her leadership abilities through her presidency of the local Beta Alpha Psi chapter. Gabrielle is self-motivated and innately wise. She is well-deserving of recognition and support for her efforts and I hope you will choose to honor and assist her through selection as recipient of the scholarship.

If you have any questions or I may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 858-6541.

Very truly yours,

Karen Virginia Fittler

Director of Tax