

# Lorraine Taraska, FCPA, FCA Scholarship



CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS  
OF MANITOBA FOUNDATION INC.

Deadline for Submissions: March 1, 2024

## Award Description

The \$1,500 Lorraine Taraska, FCPA, FCA Scholarship is provided to individuals entering the CPA Professional Education Program who demonstrate a passion for involvement in community activities and leadership abilities.

## Award Criteria

The applicant must be a Manitoba student who has entered the CPA Professional Education Program and has demonstrated excellence in the following areas:

- Community involvement (i.e. contributions to community service or volunteer organizations); **and**
- Academic achievement (verified by the CPA Western School of Business)

## Application Details

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Title or position: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Cover Letter

Please submit a cover letter as an attached document. Individuals are encouraged to include any academic and non-academic accomplishments, personal characteristics or experiences that make the applicant uniquely worthy of scholarship consideration. In a minimum of 300 words, the cover letter should explain:

- The applicant's community accomplishments and involvement;
- Academic and professional goals and achievements; and
- The importance of this scholarship to you.

For guidance in preparing a well-written cover letter, applicants are encouraged to review the CPA Manitoba Foundation's [Application Tips](#) and the sample cover letter below.

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A completed application, along with an attached cover letter should be returned to:

Alexis Sutherland  
Executive Assistant  
CPA Manitoba Foundation Inc.  
Email: [foundation@cpamb.ca](mailto:foundation@cpamb.ca)

**The application deadline is March 1, 2024.**

If you have any questions about the scholarship or application, please contact Alexis Sutherland at [foundation@cpamb.ca](mailto:foundation@cpamb.ca).

## Sample Cover Letter

John Smith  
123 Main Street  
City, Province, Postal Code  
Phone Number

**December 11, 2020**

The CPA Manitoba Foundation  
Attention: Alexis Sutherland, Executive Assistant  
1675 – One Lombard Place  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 0X3

**RE: Lorraine Taraska, FCPA, FCA, Scholarship Application**

Dear Ms. Taraska,

For the past three years, I have been heavily involved with the National Inside Ride for Cancer. This Canadian initiative raises money for pediatric cancer clinical trials in each province. Here, I am a member of the organizing committee executive for Manitoba. Just being involved in this amazing initiative and working alongside program directors, gives me hope that my work will eventually assist in developing a cure for cancer.

Moreover, before accepting a full-time position with 123 Company in June, I volunteered as an educational assistant at ABC Elementary. Here, I worked with several at-risk students each week, helping them with their academic assignments and extra-curricular activities. Being a young adult, I felt that I connected with the students in a unique way and served as a positive role model for them. From this experience, I believe I have strengthened the community and provided the students with coping strategies that they can use for life.

Additionally, I have also been involved with the United Way of Winnipeg for the past six years. Here I am responsible for preparing and analyzing financial statements, formulating budgets and actual reports, as well as tracking and maintaining different United Way projects such as Koats for Kids and Winnipeg poverty reduction. Most importantly, I am also responsible for analyzing the accumulative campaign revenue and allocating funds back into community projects throughout Winnipeg.

Not only have I participated in many community organizations and gained many valuable skills, I have also excelled academically. In 2017, I was invited to the Beta Gamma Sigma Honour Society at the University of XYZ and I was honoured to graduate with distinction, maintaining a 4.0 GPA. I have completed an Honours degree in Accounting and Finance and was very involved in the co-operative program.

Being awarded this scholarship will make a big impact on my education financially, as well as provide me with the inspiration to continue dedicating my time to volunteer work. Receiving this scholarship will bring me one step closer to my designation and it will also validate my work and commitment to our community. With that said, I hope that one day I am in the position offer a scholarship under my name and be a positive role model within the community. I am very honoured and humbled to have the opportunity to apply for the Lorraine Taraska, FCPA, FCA Scholarship, and would like to thank you for investing in future CPAs.

Sincerely,

John Smith