

Outstanding Utah High School Accounting Teacher Award

General Information

These awards have been established by the Utah CPA Foundation to annually honor high school teachers who have done an exemplary job of teaching accounting principles in the classroom and have developed and/or maintained a strong accounting program in the school. Evidence may include recruitment strategies, curriculum development, class projects, dealing with effective accounting education, etc.

The recipient of the “Champion of the Profession Award” will receive a \$1,000 cash award and must have taught accounting for more than three of the past six years. The recipient of the “Rising Star Award” will receive a \$500 cash award and cannot have taught accounting for more than three years.

These cash awards will be presented at the annual Business Education Summer Conference in June. The winners will also be honored at the annual UACPA Awards Event.

Eligibility

- The teacher must have taught accounting courses to high school students for three of the past six years for the Champion Award, or no more than three years for the Rising Star Award.
- The teacher’s accounting students have participated in the Utah State Office of Education, Career and Technical Education Skill Certificate Program.
- The teacher must be willing to meet with judges in Salt Lake City if personal interviews are deemed necessary.

The decision of the judges is final. Applications will be kept confidential. Teacher information will not be used without permission.

Application Procedure

Applicants must provide all information requested on the application. However, to allow for individualized answers, they may create their own forms. The completed application materials—including supporting documents, pictures, programs, etc.—may not exceed 6 pages. See http://www.schools.utah.gov/cte/business_awards.html to download the application. **Applications must be received or postmarked by April 27, 2012.** Award recipients will be notified at home by June 1, 2012.

Submit applications postmarked by **April 27, 2012 to:**

**Utah CPA Foundation
Awards Committee
220 East Morris Avenue, Suite 320
Salt Lake City, UT 84115
or FAX to: 801-485-6206**

For additional information, contact Laura deShazo, Business Education Specialist at the Utah State Office of Education, (801) 538-7572 or Michelle McGaughey, Executive Director of the Utah Association of Certified Public Accountants, (801) 466-8022. For more information, please visit <http://www.uacpa.org/>.

**OUTSTANDING UTAH HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNTING TEACHER
AWARD APPLICATION**

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Teacher Name	Home Phone
Home Address	
School Name	School Phone
School Address	
Principal Name	District Name
CTE Director	Director's Phone
Teacher's Email	
Education Background (degree, teaching, experience, etc.)	
1. Describe your understanding of the importance of accounting education in high school and why you have chosen to teach it.	
2. What programs have you offered your students that teach accounting principles? Distinguish between those you initiated, created or authored and those which constitute existing materials.	

3. Indicate the number of students involved, recruitment strategies, concurrent enrollment options, and any other evidence indicating positive results from your accounting program.

4. Describe your students' involvement in accounting-related activities outside the classroom, i.e. student internships, job shadows, membership in leadership organizations, competitions, etc.

5. Explain how you have implemented technology into your accounting classes, i.e. computer-aided instruction, accounting software packages, etc.

6. Describe how you incorporate career awareness into your accounting classes and/or encourage students to pursue careers in accounting, i.e. guest speakers, presentations from CPAs, etc.

7. Describe other accounting-related activities or programs in which you have been involved outside the classroom that have promoted your own understanding of and experience with accounting education, i.e. presentations, district or state committee assignments, professional organization memberships, etc.

8. Describe how you incorporate Business Career Pathways into your curriculum.

9. Describe how you utilize the test results from the Utah State Office of Education CTE Skill Certificate Program.

Additional pertinent information

Supporting documents, pictures, programs, etc. may be included; however, completed application may not exceed 6 pages.

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