2015 INSURANCE INDUSTRY COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

About IASA’s Collegiate Scholarship Program

IASA’s Insurance Industry Collegiate Scholarship program was established in 2009 to provide scholarships to collegiate students preparing for a career in the insurance industry. The scholarship program is targeted to aid students at the sophomore level or above who are enrolled in a university with an insurance program and whose course of study includes working toward a degree in Information Technology, Actuarial Science, Accounting or Risk Management.

IASA awarded $15,500 in scholarships in 2014. Scholarship winners are recognized during the IASA Annual Educational Conference and Business Show, in June.

Program Details for IASA’s 2015 Scholarship

Walt Mason Scholarship ($2,500)

For 2015, IASA is pleased to continue a named scholarship to honor a long-time supporter and volunteer of IASA, Mr. Walt Mason.

Mr. Mason proudly served as a volunteer of the IASA, holding positions as Secretary, Treasurer and as a Board Member. He was an individual who was committed to volunteerism and the benefit it provided to both the individual and to the member company he represented.

The IASA Walt Mason Scholarship Award value is $2,500 and will be presented to the individual who, has not only excelled in coursework, but has displayed the same commitment to active volunteerism.

The goal for this year is to award over $15,000 in scholarships with the scholarship dollars being awarded based on number of applications and overall need.

Summary of 2014 Scholarships Awarded

Supporting the education of talented and worthy students is at the heart of what IASA is all about.

“We continue to be overwhelmed by the talent of the student submissions for the scholarship and their achievements so far in pursuing a career in insurance. Our recipients have proven to be dedicated not only to academic excellence, but to the betterment of themselves, their campuses and communities through service and leadership,” said Joe Pomilia, IASA Executive Director.

A total of 17 scholarships were awarded in 2013:

$2,500 Walt Mason Scholarship
- Kelsey Harris, Butler University

$2,000 Scholarships:
- Leah Lupu, Olivet College
- Tyler Oldenburg, Illinois State University

$1,000 Scholarships:
- Eric Dynda, St. John's University
- Sarah Rumon, University of St. Thomas
- Courtlyn Clark, Olivet College
- DaRondrick Edwards, University of North Texas

$500 Scholarships:
- Parker White, Appalachian State University
- Michael Pradith, University of North Texas
- Magdelena Dryka, Mercyhurst University
- Rachel Shriven, Baylor University
- Jennifer Richey, Missouri State University
- Rosalie Mackiewicz, East Carolina University
- Thomas Fiorillo, St. John's University
- Laura Eskola, Michigan Technological University
- Nicole McArdle, Illinois State University
- Sonisha Shrestha, University of North Texas

“It’s great to be recognized by such a well-respected and recognized insurance association; the scholarship not only helps me financially but also gives me an advantage when applying for positions in the insurance industry.”

Kelsey Harris - Butler University
Walt Mason Winner, 2014

Application Deadline: February 28, 2015
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What Our Award Winners Are Saying

"I am extremely grateful to have been chosen as a winner of the IASA scholarship for the 2014-15 school year. College is not inexpensive, but this scholarship will provide me with the financial assistance I need to continue my education. Ultimately, the scholarship will help me fulfill my goal of having a successful career as an actuary in the insurance field. I thank IASA for giving me this wonderful opportunity."

Eric Dynda, St. John’s University, 2014

"I found myself interested in pursuing a career in the insurance industry when one of my professors enlightened me on all of the great opportunities that it provided. Upon graduation, I plan to pursue a career with an insurance brokerage and consulting firm with a well-rounded training program. In order for me to make this happen, I must focus on my education and building my resume while I am in school. By receiving this IASA scholarship, I will be able to work towards this."

Jennifer Richey - Missouri State University, 2014

"The IASA scholarship provided me the assistance to further my goal of becoming an actuary and enabled me to make valuable connections with the professors and working professionals at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. These connections led to multiple internships and now a full-time job in the insurance industry."

Timothy Cowan - University of Wisconsin - Madison, 2012 & 2011

About the IASA

The Insurance Accounting & Systems Association, Inc. (IASA) is a non-profit, education association that strives to enhance the knowledge of insurance industry professionals, and participants from similar organizations closely allied with the insurance industry by facilitating the exchange of ideas and information. IASA is one of the insurance industry’s largest, and most well represented trade associations. IASA membership includes insurance companies of all types (Property & Casualty, Life, Health, Fraternal, HMO and others) as members, as well as companies serving the insurance industry, regulators and also organizations more broadly representative of the financial services industry, including banks and investment brokerage firms. Learn more about the IASA by visiting our website at www.iasa.org or by calling (919) 489-0991.

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Submissions received from these Universities and Companies *

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*Sample listing only. We encourage all colleges and universities with an insurance program to participate through student applications. Additionally, all IASA Member companies are encouraged to let their family, friends and interns know about the opportunity to apply for an IASA Scholarship.

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