

ISACA New England - Academic Scholarship Program



ISACA NE Academic Scholarship Overview

The Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) of New England is offering academic scholarships of **\$1,500** to two qualified undergraduate students for the 2012/ 2013 academic year. The period for applying for the scholarship ends March 31, 2012. Scholarships will be awarded in June 2012.

Participants are to write an essay on the topic defined below. Submissions will be judged by information technology (IT) and audit professionals who are Board Members of the New England ISACA Chapter Scholarship Review Committee. Essays will be evaluated based on relevance, clarity of thought, demonstrated understanding of the subject matter, organization, originality, spelling, punctuation, and grammar. The winners will have their essays published in an edition of the ISACA New England newsletter and website, and will be asked to attend the ISACA NE Annual Meeting in June 2012, in order to present the scholarship and meet the membership.

About ISACA

ISACA is a pace-setting global organization for IT professionals focusing on information governance, security and audit. IT has become essential in managing the transactions, information and knowledge necessary to initiate and sustain business. Today's organizations rely upon individuals who know how to secure systems and evaluate and report on the adequacy of system controls, security practices, efficiency and effectiveness to assure that data integrity is protected and that systems comply with applicable policies, standards, laws and regulations. ISACA's 50,000+ members address these needs as IS auditors, consultants, educators, IS security professionals, regulators, and chief information officers.

Students are welcome and encouraged to join ISACA on the following page:

<http://www.isaca.org/Membership/Student-Membership/Pages/Student-Membership-Information.aspx>

Scholarship Requirements

Current full-time undergraduate students who are studying information systems, accounting, computer science or other business related degrees at an accredited college or university in any of the following states are invited to apply:

- Maine
- Massachusetts
- New Hampshire
- Rhode Island
- Vermont

*Students who are legal residents of any of the five states listed above, studying outside of New England, are also invited to apply.

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Scholarship Requirements cont'd...

- Essay Submission Question:

What are the greatest information security risks today and how are those risks mitigated, accepted, avoided and/or transferred?

- The essay should be double-spaced and must include between 900 and 1000 words, excluding names, headers, and end-notes.
- Only one essay per author will be considered.
- The essay should be submitted in a standard word processing format such as MS Word or WordPerfect. When citing sources, essays must follow either the MLA or APA format and the essay must contain a reference page.
- During the period that the essay is under consideration, the author asserts that it has not been published elsewhere and is not being considered for publication elsewhere.
- The essay must be submitted and received no later than **March 31, 2012**. Any entries received after this date will not be considered.
- Authors will be notified by **April 30, 2012** of decisions on publication and award winners.
- Essay submissions must include the completed Academic Scholarship Application, Student Certification and Verification of Student Standing (see below).
- Submissions not meeting each of the requirements defined above will be ***disqualified*** from the competition.

Please e-mail your completed Academic Scholarship Application, Student Certification and Verification of Student Standing, along with your Essay to scholarships@isacane.org.

Following the close of the enrollment period, members of the ISACA New England Scholarship Review Committee will review each applicant's entry. The \$1,500 individual scholarships will be awarded to the top two performing candidates based on the quality of their essay submissions and the students' current academic standing. Authors will be notified by **April 30, 2012** of the decision. The recipients will be asked to attend the ISACA NE Annual Meeting in June 2012, in order to present the scholarship and meet the membership.

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Academic Scholarship Application

(Application entries must be typed or printed)

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Which address should we use to contact you (Current or Home)? _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Birth Date: _____

College or University: _____

Year in School: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Major: _____

Should you have any questions, please send an email to scholarships@isacane.org.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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**Academic Scholarship Competition
Student Certification**

Certification:

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application and during the application process is the original work of the applicant and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have not knowingly withheld or misstated any facts or circumstances that would be relevant to the consideration of this application.

During the period that my essay submission is under consideration by the New England ISACA Chapter, I am also certifying that it has not been published elsewhere and is not being considered for publication elsewhere.

If awarded the academic scholarship, I authorize ISACA New England to publish the contents of my essay in the ISACA New England website and newsletter.

Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant Name (Printed)

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**Academic Scholarship Competition
Verification of Academic Standing**

I _____ give my written permission and authorize the New England ISACA Chapter to contact my college or university and verify my current enrollment and academic qualifications as outlined below.

Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant Name (Printed)