

# COMPASS AWARD FOR WOMEN IN ACCOUNTING GUIDELINES

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## Springdale Public Schools Education Foundation Scholarship Program

### PURPOSE

The Compass Award for Women in Accounting honors those who choose to forge their own path, while remaining true to their values. This scholarship supports a woman pursuing a degree in accounting who is willing to trust her instincts and step outside her comfort zone in pursuit of her life's journey. It recognizes resilience and curiosity over perfection, as well as the commitment it takes to pursue a profession rooted in trust and stewardship.

This fund provides financial support for a woman graduate of an accredited public high school in the Springdale School District pursuing a post-secondary degree in Accounting at a 2-year or 4-year university or community college.

### USE OF FUNDS

The Compass Award for Women in Accounting helps deserving students continue their education by providing financial assistance for tuition, books, and associated fees for up to four years.

### ELIGIBILITY

Qualified applicants must be:

- ◆ Graduating seniors from an accredited public high school in the Springdale School District with a minimum 3.0 GPA and a minimum cumulative ACT score of 20,
- ◆ Enrolling in a 2-year or 4-year university or community college, and
- ◆ Pursuing a Bachelor's degree in accounting

*Age, race, marital status or religious affiliation will have no bearing on eligibility for this scholarship.*

### CRITERIA

The criteria for selection of the scholarship recipient are determined by the selection committee, and may include, but are not limited to, academic performance, financial need, unusual circumstances, and volunteer, work, or extracurricular activities.

### AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

The amount of the scholarship is \$1,000. Changes to the scholarship amount may be determined by the Foundation based on factors including, but not limited to, the amount of dollars available from the fund.

### RENEWABLE

This scholarship may be renewable for up to four years, providing the student maintains a 2.5 academic achievement level (on a 4.0 scale), remains a full-time student, completing 30 credit hours per academic year, and performs at least 5 hours of volunteer work each semester.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process is as follows:

1. You must complete the online application by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. The selection committee will review applications.
3. The recipient will be notified of final scholarship decisions at the senior assembly.
4. The recipient must attend the Donors & Scholars Reception during the first week of June.



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