



# ARCPA student news

Arkansas Society of Certified Public Accountants



## Volunteer for ARCPA Day of Service

**ARCPA Day of Service**  
**Friday, November 17, 2023**

Join us as we give back to our communities!



ARCPA Day of Service allows CPA members and their colleagues, staff, and accounting students around the state to participate in a public service activity on that date (or other date they choose). The event emphasizes that CPAs are involved in their profession as well as their communities.

Join with ARCPA and the rest of your profession on Friday, November 17 and make a difference! You can choose ANY volunteer activity you want! Some ideas include helping out at an animal shelter, assembling care packages for deployed troops, or cleaning up a neighborhood park. The volunteer options are endless. For a list of possible volunteer opportunities, or to learn more: <https://www.arcpa.org/volunteer>

Any college or university student clubs or groups wishing to participate or collaborate with a CPA firm for this event can contact Robin Harris at Arkansas Society of CPAs to sign up, [rharris@arcpa.org](mailto:rharris@arcpa.org).

## Apply for a CPA Exam Scholarship

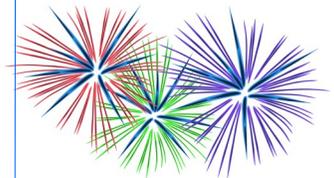
Need help paying for the CPA Exam? Apply for the AICPA Foundation's CPA Exam scholarship. This scholarship was created to assist current students and graduates who are CPA candidates with some of the costs associated with taking the CPA Exam. The AICPA Foundation CPA Exam scholarship reimburses up to \$1,500 for CPA Exam fees and exam preparatory courses.

Applicants must provide a copy of their Notice to Schedule (NTS) for at least one section of the CPA Exam and a copy of the receipt for payment of exam application fees. At least 50 extraordinary applicants will be paid up to \$1,500 in a lump sum to reimburse and assist with expenses for exam fees and CPA exam preparatory courses.

Apply by **September 30** for a chance to earn up to \$1,500 for the CPA Exam and related materials: <https://bit.ly/3ISoWpk>



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### Chance Locklear, CPA

Chance Locklear is a Manager for Landmark PLC, CPAs in Fort Smith, AR. Locklear has been a member of the ARCPA since 2019. He is a native of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and an alumnus of The University of Arkansas at Fort Smith.



#### What is your first experience or favorite memory of your involvement with ARCPA?

One of my first experiences was an in-person CPE course hosted by our local chapter. I was new in the profession and distinctly remember meeting other practitioners in our area. I was really impacted by the caliber of those individuals. In a way, those small conversations I had that day shaped me to be the professional that I am today.

#### What favorite activities/hobbies/volunteerism do you do in your spare time?

Every week I serve as a youth leader for boys in 8th and 9th grade at our church. My favorite part of that is the dialogue we exchange in our small groups. Those discussions can range from a variety of topics from sports, school, the message, etc. Without fail those boys and those discussions change my life every time. Getting to see those boys develop leadership qualities and start to transform into men is amazing. I feel blessed to be a part of that.

### Chris Brown, CPA

Chris Brown serves on the ARCPA Board of Directors. He is Vice President & CFO for Arkansas Colleges of Health Education (ACHE) Fort Smith. Brown is a native of Alma, and an alumnus of Arkansas Tech University.

#### What is your first experience or favorite memory of your involvement with ARCPA?

My first memory with ARCPA is going to the Emerging CPA's conference and meeting great people and getting beat in a baggo tournament by the Pierce brothers.

#### What favorite activities/hobbies/volunteerism do you do in your spare time?

I love riding roller coasters with my oldest daughter, vacationing with my family, anything outdoors, and the Razorbacks. I'm also a worship leader at a church in Alma.

#### Best advice for students about becoming a CPA, or taking the CPA Exam?

I've always told students that school doesn't teach you to be an accountant, but it does teach you how to think like an accountant. Practice is different than theory but the fundamentals and foundation you've learned will help you in the "real world". The numbers tell a story and it's our job as a CPA to help our clients understand that story.

For my younger colleagues I tell them to make sure they are committed and remain motivated when they are taking the CPA exam. As with anything, it takes a lot of will to finish one of the most difficult professional exams there is. But the reward and experience gained by passing that exam is invaluable.

#### Why did you become a CPA?

When I was younger, my family didn't always make the best financial decisions. The experiences that came out of that led me to be more conscious about money and business. So, in high school when we were asked to pick a profession we might want to go into, accounting resonated with me. I thought that if I understood accounting, then maybe I could help my family with those struggles. So, I made the decision then that I would become a CPA. To this day being a CPA is still about family and relationships for me.

#### Best advice for students about becoming a CPA, or taking the CPA Exam?

Start ASAP. Don't let your college study habits disappear before you get started on the exam.

#### Why did you become a CPA?

When you have CPA behind your name it opens doors. The main response you get is "will you be the treasurer of our board?"



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Review us on Google  
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## Student Conferences Discounts

Student members may attend ARCPA conferences for just \$15! (we're not kidding!) Meet and network with professionals and prospective future employers at any of these ARCPA events for \$15 each:

- End of Busy Season CPE & Fish Fry
  - Industry Commerce & Banking Conference
  - Equip Conference
  - Fraud Conference
  - Agriculture Conference
  - AR Federal Tax Institute
- Call ARCPA to register: (501) 664-8739 or (800) 482-8739.

## Becker CPA Review

Arkansas Society of CPAs associate or student members can receive a discount on the Becker Professional CPA Review for the full 4-part review course. Save \$300 off of the full 4-part review of either Live, Online, or self study review course format. Becker CPA Review classes correspond with the exam testing windows that you select.

For more information on this member service, or to access ARCPA preferred pricing with Becker, ARCPA members should visit the partner page <https://www.becker.com/arcpaPP>.

## Surgent CPA Review

Surgent CPA Review can help students prepare for the CPA Exam—during or after their undergraduate or graduate education. The 100% online course utilizes a state-of-the-art adaptive learning platform that shortens study time and improves retention allowing students to prepare and pass faster! Enrollment includes access to 350+ 20 minute-or-less video lectures, a test bank of over 7,700 multiple-choice questions, over 400 simulations, customized study guides, and unlimited practice exams.

ARCPA members receive a 35% discount on the Surgent CPA exam review course! These state-of-the-art online lectures provide a customized study program, access that doesn't expire, and a pass guarantee with every course. Studying with Surgent means less stress for you—and a faster path to passing the CPA Exam. Learn more: [www.surgentcpareview.com/partners/arkansas-society-of-cpas/](http://www.surgentcpareview.com/partners/arkansas-society-of-cpas/)

## Wiley CPA Review

As an ARCPA member, you are entitled to a 20% discount on all Wiley CPAexcel products, including the popular Wiley CPAexcel Platinum Course featuring Bite-sized Lessons and 12,000 AICPA CPA Exam practice questions.

To redeem the 20% discount, visit [www.wileycpaexcel.com](http://www.wileycpaexcel.com) or call 888-884-5669 to order. Enter code ASCPA at checkout.

## UWorld Roger CPA Review

ARCPA members save 20% off the Unlimited access course! Prepare to pass the CPA Exam with exceptional course materials that make difficult concepts easy to understand. Proven with a 91% pass rate, we proudly serve the accounting profession's top educators, employers and professional organizations to ensure success for future CPAs.

Learn more, at <https://accounting.uworld.com/cpa-review/lp/partner-organizations/>

## CPA Review Courses



Become A Student Member Today! Membership is Free

Join Arkansas Society of CPAs (ARCPA) for free. Apply Online: <https://www.arcpa.org/join>

## Have Some Fun at ARCPA Bowling Night

Join us for fun at this unique event for ARCPA members. To sign up, contact ARCPA (501) 664-8739. Or register online [www.arcpa.org/cpe/catalog](http://www.arcpa.org/cpe/catalog) and click Non CPE Events.



The poster features a central image of a bowling ball striking pins on a lane. The ARCPA logo is in the top right corner. The text 'BOWLING Night' is prominently displayed in the center. Below this, the event details are listed in a structured layout.

**THURSDAY  
10 AUG  
05:00 PM**

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

**MAIN EVENT**

**REGISTRATION  
\$20  
PER PERSON**

**MAIN EVENT  
2616 S. SHACKLEFORD ROAD  
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72205**

Reservations include shoes, snacks,  
and 2 drink tickets.

MORE EVENTS ACROSS THE STATE COMING SOON



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## ARCPA Mock CPA Exam Hosted by Surgent

Are you truly ready to pass the CPA Exam? Have you studied enough? Are you focusing on the right material? There is only one way to find out, give it a try! Sign up for the free virtual event on **September 7, 2023**.

Students and non-certified Associate members are invited to participate in a live 4-hour mock CPA Exam (virtual) workshop hosted by the Arkansas Society of CPAs and Surgent CPA Review. This unique opportunity will allow you to experience what it is like to sit for any CPA Exam section as you immerse yourself in questions pulled from the actual CPA Exam Blueprints. Plus, you will receive your own personalized ReadySCORE (an accurate measurement of your actual exam score) as well as a detailed report showing your areas of strength and weakness for that section.

The event is free, but advanced registration is required; the information provided will be sent to Surgent to set up your simulation on Surgent's software. Don't go into exam day unprepared. Find out if you are ready - sign up today! This will be a virtual event.

To Register:

[www.arcpa.org/become-a-cpa/mock-cpa-exam](http://www.arcpa.org/become-a-cpa/mock-cpa-exam)

For questions, contact Robin Harris at ARCPA (501) 664-8739, or email [rharris@arcpa.org](mailto:rharris@arcpa.org)

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