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Special points of interest:

- 2011-2012 LEAP Scholarships Application Deadline
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2011-2012 LEAP PROGRAMS

2011/2012 LEAP College Scholarships

2011/2012 LEAP scholarship applications are now being accepted, but the **deadline** is **February 29, 2012**. Please pass this onto your students. All information, and application links are located on the LEAP student website.

Mentor Program

This program connects a CPA with an MSCPAs college student/CPA candidate member based on the CPA's experience and the student/candidate's interest.

The second term will begin June 1, 2012. Mentee applications will be accepted April 1, 2012 through May 25, 2012. Applications will be accepted online only. Mentor applications are open year round. The links are on www.leap-forward.com.

100% ASAP (Accounting Students Acknowledgement Program)

MSCPA offers **free** college student membership to **every** accounting major enrolled

in college. If you are interested in receiving MSCPAs college student applications to hand out to your students, please contact Lisa Thoms, lthoms@mocpa.org.

MSCPA Educators Program

MSCPA is dedicated to assisting accounting educators in Missouri. We will send you the most recent information available. For instance, you can receive a copy of the MSCPAs bi-monthly magazine "The ASSET," and this quarterly educators' newsletter, "The Source."

Don't miss this opportunity to stay current on the accounting field and CPA Profession. Sign up today! (The link is available in the online version of this newsletter.) If you have already taken advantage of this offer, please pass it onto a fellow educator who hasn't.

If you have questions, please contact Lisa Thoms, MSCPAs Accounting Careers Manager, lthoms@mocpa.org, 800.264.7966, ext. 155.

MSCPA's Student Web Site
www.leap-forward.com

2012-2013 AICPA Scholarships

The 2012-2013 AICPA scholarship program is now accepting applications through April 1, 2012.

The AICPA offers three different scholarships:

- AICPA/Accountemps Student Scholarship—awards 10 scholarships to undergraduate and/or graduate students;
- AICPA John L. Carey Scholarship—awards 10 scholarships to non-business majors pursuing their graduate studies in accounting;
- AICPA Scholarship for Minority Accounting Students—awards 80 scholarships to minority undergraduate and/or graduate students.

Links to all of three applications are available in the online version of this newsletter, and on the LEAP website under "Scholarships."

Please pass this information onto your students!

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PEER TO PEER

Our first "Peer to Peer" article will appear in the May edition!!!

We're also working on an educators' blog, which will facilitate comments, suggestions, and ideas stemming from each quarter's edition.

I'm still looking for **more guest writers** for this article in future editions. **Only** four people need to volunteer per year. Each would be assigned **one article slot**, and an entire year would be covered! If you are interested, please contact me directly, lthoms@mocpa.org .

Also, please send me your comments, suggestions, web site links you find useful, and subjects you want to hear about.

2011-2012 AWARDS

Student of the Month - Do you know a Missouri accounting major who deserves recognition for his/her achievements and leadership? Nominate him/her for the **LEAP Student of the Month** award! The nomination form link is on the LEAP Student of the Month web page.

Student of the Year - One winner will be chosen from the twelve (12) monthly winners from 2011/2012, and he/she will be **featured** in an article in the 2012 September "**ASSET**," which is the monthly publication sent to all MSCPA members, and recognized at an Awards Gala.



Ben Wells, 2010-2011 LEAP
Student of the Year

Editor's Note:

Some interesting information recently came across my desk, twice in one week. I thought I would pass it onto you.

Apple and educational textbooks are in the news. I am sure some of you already know about this, but for others, like me, it will be new and very interesting.

Apparently, Apple has launched an **iBooks Author app**. It has the capability to create textbooks with pictures and video! A quote from SmartMoney states, "**Such books are free to use, and professors can customize them.**" I find this extremely intriguing!

In the online version of this newsletter, I will provide links to the two articles I received.

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