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## FICPA, DBPR encourage accounting students to apply for Clay Ford Scholarship

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Department of Business and Professional Regulation's (DBPR) Division of Certified Public Accounting and the Florida Institute of CPAs (FICPA) are encouraging minority accounting students statewide to apply for this year's Clay Ford Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded each year through the CPA Education Minority Assistance Program to students studying to become certified public accountants (CPAs). To date, more than \$1 million has been awarded to minority CPA students since the program's implementation in 1999.

"Education is one of the greatest investments we can make in our future," said DBPR Secretary Ken Lawson. "Helping our students gain the knowledge they need to accomplish their goals is what makes Florida such a great place to work and learn. I encourage all eligible students to apply for the Clay Ford Scholarship, so they too can accomplish their goals and obtain a professional CPA license right here in Florida."

"Rep. Clay Ford was a remarkable statesman and noted supporter of the CPA profession," said Deborah Curry, CPA, CGMA and Florida Institute of CPAs president/CEO. "He would be so proud to know that the Clay Ford Scholarship program is helping tomorrow's CPAs achieve their dreams."

Applications for the scholarship must be postmarked by June 1, 2015. For more information on the scholarship, including eligibility criteria and the application process, please visit [www.myfloridalicense.com/CPAScholarship](http://www.myfloridalicense.com/CPAScholarship). The CPA Education Minority Assistance Program was established to encourage fifth-year accounting students to finish their schooling and complete the necessary requirements to obtain a Florida CPA license. The Clay Ford Scholarship is funded by a \$10 portion from each individual and firm license fee. Recipients of this prestigious award will receive between \$3,000 and \$6,000 per semester for a maximum of two semesters.

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## **About the FICPA**

Founded in 1905, the Florida Institute of CPAs is a statewide, professional association representing CPAs throughout Florida. With a membership of more than 18,000, the Institute's mission is to serve the diverse needs of its members; enhance their competency and professionalism; support professional standards; promote the value of our members; and advocate on behalf of the profession. For complete information about the FICPA, visit [www.ficpa.org](http://www.ficpa.org) and follow @FICPA on Twitter.

## **About the DBPR**

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation is the agency charged with licensing and regulating businesses and professionals in the State of Florida. More information about DBPR is available online at [www.myfloridalicense.com](http://www.myfloridalicense.com). Also, follow @FloridaDBPR on Twitter or Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation on Facebook for updates about license renewal cycles, events and other important news.

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