

# **ISACA - Central Maryland Chapter**

## **2008-2009 ISACA Academic Scholarship Competition**

**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 75,000+ members address these needs as IS auditors, consultants, educators, IS security professionals, regulators, and chief information officers.

**The Central Maryland ISACA Chapter invites essay entries for the ISACA Scholarship Competition Award. To learn more about our organization and activities, please visit our web site at <http://www.isaca-cmc.org>**

### **COMPETITION OVERVIEW**

Participants are to write an essay on the topic listed below. Submissions will be judged by IT and audit professionals who are Board Members of the Central Maryland ISACA Chapter Academics Committee. Essays will be evaluated based on innovation and originality, ideas, relevance, clarity of thought, demonstrated understanding of the subject matter, organization, spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

### **AWARDS**

Scholarships will be awarded to the top three submissions as decided by Central Maryland ISACA Chapter Academics Committee. All decisions are final. This scholarship is a one-time award.

1st Place Winner: \$2,500.00

2nd Place Winner: \$1,500.00

3rd Place Winner: \$1,000.00

All scholarship award winners will have their essay published on the Central Maryland ISACA website.

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## ESSAY SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Essays will only be accepted from undergraduate students who are enrolled and in good standing in a full-time program at a college or university.
  - Provide a copy of transcripts to prove enrollment. Transcripts do not need to be official transcripts - transcripts printed by the student from the University's system are acceptable.
- The undergraduate student must be legal residents of Maryland OR currently attending an accredited college or university in state of Maryland.
  - If a student is not attending an accredited college in Maryland, please provide a copy of a driver license that will help to determine if a student is a legal Maryland resident.
- Essays should be double-spaced and must include between 900 and 1500 words, excluding names, headers, and endnotes.
- Students essays must be based on the following topic:  
**What are the benefits for students, if colleges/universities begin to include IT auditing and / or information security in their curriculums?**
- Only one essay per author will be considered.
- Essays should be submitted in a standard word processing format such as Microsoft Word or WordPerfect. When citing sources, essays must follow either the MLA or APA format and the essay must contain a reference page.
- Essays must be submitted and received no later than December 31, 2008. Any entries received after this date will not be considered.
- Authors will be notified by February 27, 2009 of decisions on publication and award winners.
- 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.
- All competition submissions must include a cover sheet (form 1), student certification (form 2), and academic verification (form 3).  
**Submissions not meeting the requirements defined above will be disqualified from the competition.**

All essay competition entries along with the cover sheet, student certification and academic verification forms must be submitted for consideration to:

1. Emailed to: [scholarships@isaca-cmc.org](mailto:scholarships@isaca-cmc.org)

**AND**

2. Hard copies mailed to: PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
100 East Pratt Street, Suite 1900; Baltimore, MD 21202-1096

Attention: Kisha-Dawn Greenidge

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## COVER SHEET

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Area of study: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Central Maryland ISACA Chapter, I am also certifying that it has not been published elsewhere and is not being considered for publication elsewhere.

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Applicant Signature

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Date

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Applicant Name (Printed)

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## ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION VERIFICATION OF ACADEMIC STANDING

I \_\_\_\_\_ give my written permission and authorize the Central Maryland 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)

Student's Name:

Student's School ID #:

Student's Date of Birth:

Student's Major:

Student's Dates of Attendance:

Student's Expected Date of Graduation:

Student's Mailing Address:

Student's Phone Number:

Name of University / College:

University / College Office of Registrar Contact Name:

University / College Office of Registrar Address:

University / College Office of Registrar Phone Number:

University / College Office of Registrar Fax Number: