



2007 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 50,000+ members address these needs as IS auditors, consultants, educators, IS security professionals, regulators, and chief information officers.

The Philadelphia 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.phillyisaca.org>

COMPETITION OVERVIEW

Participants are to write an essay on one of the IT and control-related topics defined below. Submissions will be judged by IT and audit professionals who are Board Members of the Philadelphia ISACA Chapter Grants & Scholarships 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 Philadelphia ISACA Chapter Grants & Scholarships 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 in the Philadelphia ISACA Chapter Newsletter. The student will also receive a one year membership to the ISACA organization.



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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.
- The undergraduate student must be legal residents of Delaware, New Jersey, or Pennsylvania OR currently attending an accredited college or university in Delaware, New Jersey, or Pennsylvania.
- Essays should be double-spaced and must include between 900 and 1000 words, excluding names, headers, and endnotes.
- Students essays must be based on one of the five following topic areas:
 1. ***Describe three things IT audit can do to promote the profession. Please explain why you selected these three things.***
 2. ***Describe the benefits of including IT auditing and / or information security in college/university curriculums.***
 3. ***Describe the emerging issues in IT auditing and / or Information security.***
 4. ***Describe the positive & negative impact Of Sarbanes-Oxley.***
 5. ***Describe the processes in place for protecting the critical information infrastructure.***
- Only one essay per author will be considered.
- Essays should be submitted in a standard word processing format such as MS 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 1, 2007. Any entries received after this date will not be considered.
- Authors will be notified by January 10, 2008 of decisions on publication and award winners.
- Essay submissions must include a signed statement authorizing the Philadelphia ISACA Chapter to verify your academic standing with your college or university.
- 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 (form1), 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@phillyisaca.org
- AND**
2. Hard copies mailed to: Philadelphia ISACA Chapter, Scholarship Committee, 113 Haddonfield-Berlin Road, Voorhees, NJ 08043



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FORM 1 2007 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION 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: _____

Department Head or Counselor's Name: _____

Department Head or Counselor's Phone Number: _____

Year in School: _____



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FORM 2 2007 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 Philadelphia ISACA Chapter, I am also certifying that it has not been published elsewhere and is not being considered for publication elsewhere.

Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant Name (Printed)



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FORM 3 2007 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION VERIFICATION OF ACADEMIC STANDING

I _____ give my written permission and authorize the Philadelphia 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: _____