

About SCACPA

History

Founded in 1915, the South Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants (SCACPA) is a statewide professional organization representing more 3,850 CPAs and accounting professionals. Its establishment marked the emergence of accountancy as a profession, distinguished by its rigorous educational requirements, high professional standards, strict code of professional ethics, licensing status and commitment to serving the public interest.

SCACPA is governed by a 20 member voluntary Board of Directors that is elected by the membership and includes a representative from each of the association's eight local chapters. Members may also join the national association, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). The administration of SCACPA's programs and activities is handled by its professional staff in West Columbia.

Mission & Objectives

The mission of the South Carolina Association of CPAs is to support all CPAs – whether in public practice, industry, government or education – with lifelong learning opportunities necessary for their success, the promotion of high ethical standards and legislative advocacy for both the public good and for the profession. In fulfilling its mission, SCACPA gives priority to those areas where public reliance on CPA skills is most significant. SCACPA engages in the following activities to achieve its mission:

- **Advocacy:** Serves as the state representative of CPAs before governments, regulatory bodies and other organizations in protecting and promoting members' interests.
- **Certification and Licensing:** Seeks the highest possible level of uniform certification and licensing standards and promotes and protects the CPA designation.
- **Communications:** Promotes public awareness and confidence in the integrity, objectivity, competence and professionalism of CPAs and monitors the needs and views of CPAs.
- **Recruiting and Education:** Encourages highly qualified individuals to become CPAs through scholarships, and supports the development of outstanding academic programs.
- **Standards and Performance:** Provides input into the establishment of professional standards; assists members in continually improving their professional conduct, performance, and expertise; and monitors such performance to enforce current standards and requirements.

Financial Literacy Outreach Efforts

SCACPA has teamed up with 360 Degrees of Financial Literacy to help promote financial literacy across the state. They launched the "Feed the Pig" campaign which features a life size pig, Benjamin Banks, who helps educate Americans of all ages about how to manage their money. SCACPA members have shown a great interest in reaching out to the community to help promote these efforts. Supported by our CPA Ambassadors and Financial Literacy Task Forces as well as individual member volunteers, SCACPA seeks to connect passionate, knowledgeable presenters with needs in their communities – and to equip members the tools and resources they need to create successful, effective presentations. Please contact us if your organization would benefit from a presentation on financial literacy.