

NCSA RECRUITMENT TOOL – QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Brief Introduction:

The North Carolina Society of Accountants is an organization comprised of accountants, enrolled agents, CPA's, bookkeepers and tax preparers. We have serviced our industry since 1947. Our members enjoy benefits such as continuing professional education, state legislative monitoring and an annual state convention.

Membership also provides an extensive network of accounting professionals, which serves as an invaluable resource for information, assistance and referral.

On a monthly basis, local chapters offer the opportunity to network and to receive continuing professional education. Chapters are located in the following areas: Asheville, Burlington, Charlotte, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Hickory, High Point/Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Sanford/Southern Pines, and Wilmington.

Our Goal:

In 1947, the North Carolina Society of Accountants was founded to protect the practice rights of non-certified accountants in North Carolina. Through the on going monitoring of the NC Board of CPA Examiners, legislative meetings and interaction and through promoting continuing professional education, the NCSA continues to meet this GOAL. The NCSA has fostered a position of communication for the North Carolina public accounting industry. Our members enjoy up-to-date information through our newsletter, local chapters and website (www.ncsainc.org).

Membership:

Throughout North Carolina, our members offer bookkeeping services, payroll tax reporting, financial statement preparation, income tax preparation, investment planning and tax strategies for both small businesses and individuals. Our members find themselves more successful and able to provide better services for their clients because of their membership in the NCSA. Would you invest in your future by joining our SOCIETY TODAY? Since 1947 we have protected your rights to practice in North Carolina. Please help us continue to meet this GOAL by applying for MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Spring & Fall Professional Accounting Seminars

Both seminars feature nationally known speakers presenting information vital to the professional development of accountants. These seminars provide the most up to date and relevant information available as well as an opportunity for interaction and networking.

Educational Meetings at the Chapter Level

Chapters have regular meetings and frequently offer continuing professional education credits to their members. They also provide an excellent opportunity to take advantage of the wealth of expertise and experience found within each local chapter in matters relating to accounting practice, business management, and tax related issues.

A. C. A. T. Program

The Accreditation Council for Accountancy and Taxation offers testing and credentialing for the small business accountant and tax practitioner. Through the NCSA, the individual chapters organize local study groups and materials are provided. Many members find the small group environment more conducive to a need specific learning environment in preparing for the A. C. A. T. examination.

Enrolled Agent Program

The Enrolled Agent Program is also established at the chapter level for local study opportunities. Materials and programming are available to prepare members for the Enrolled Agent Examination.

Seminars at the Annual Convention

The NCSA Annual Convention features seminars in taxation and accounting. These seminars continue to be both highly popular and greatly informative for NCSA members.

North Carolina State University Annual Tax Short Course Series

In conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service and the NC Department of Revenue, the NCSA sponsors these two-day comprehensive income tax courses designed for intermediate and advanced practitioners to develop and refine their tax preparation skills. The NCSA is proud to have members who serve as presenters for these seminars and of sponsorship since 1954.

The Professional Tax Institute

Sponsored annually by the NCSA since 1979, the **PTI** provides the most recent information on federal tax legislation and features a wide range of topics to ensure that our members remain at the forefront of professional excellence.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Legislative Monitoring and Interaction

The Legislative Committee keeps the membership well informed of pending legislation impacting the accounting community and also monitors the meetings of the North Carolina Board of CPA Examiners.

Annual Leadership Conference

This annual meeting provides members with leadership training and development to enhance their abilities within their businesses and communities.

Quality Assurance Review Assistance

The Quality Assurance Committee promotes and encourages the highest professional standards in the presentation of financial statements. The Committee is currently developing a Quality Assurance Review Assistance Program, which will be an invaluable resource to the membership.

Tax Forum

The Tax Forum Committee maintains an open line of communication, facilitated by an annual meeting, with the Internal Revenue Service and the North Carolina Department of Revenue to address issues and concerns members have encountered in tax preparation.

Rules of Professional Conduct

The NCSA has established and maintains rules of professional conduct, which are included in the annual directory.

Monthly Newsletter

The Accountant, our monthly newsletter, keeps members up to date with pertinent news, educational opportunities, and chapter meeting information.

Website

As the information highway becomes an intrinsic part of business life, the NCSA has introduced its own website, providing an easily accessible resource for information about our organization, membership, and links to related fields of interest.

Statewide Network

Membership also provides an extensive network of accounting professionals, which serves as an invaluable resource for information, assistance, and referral. The membership list is published in an annual directory.

OTHER BENEFITS

Annual Convention

The Annual Convention features Continuing Education Programs, Fundraising opportunities for the Scholarship Foundation, and wonderful fellowship with accountants and their families from throughout North Carolina.

Membership Assistance

The Membership Assistance Committee exists to provide assistance to members and their families in times of need.

Affiliation with the National Society of Accountants

The NCSA is the Affiliated State Organization of the National Society of Accountants. The NCSA earned the coveted ASO of the Year Award at the 2001 NSA convention.

Member Discounts

Members are offered discounts to the spring and Fall Professional Accounting Seminars.

Scholarship Foundation

The NCSA is committed not only to the accountants in business today, but also to the North Carolina accountants of the future. In 1970, the members of the NCSA established a tax exempt Scholarship Foundation as a vehicle to provide scholarships for deserving students who have indicated a desire to enter the profession of accounting.

Membership Card, Certificate & Directory, Lapel Pin and Printed Rules of Professional Conduct