



Mary Beth Scherer Scholarship for Professional Development 2026 Guidelines

Purpose: The Richmond CPCU Society Chapter awards scholarships to professionals in the insurance and risk management industry. Consideration will be given based on the individual's dedication to the industry as captured in the application process, quality of responses to the applications, and tuition reimbursement program provided by the applicant's employer..

Criteria: Eligible professionals must be active in the insurance and risk management industry with an intent to complete the CPCU designation.

We respectfully request that applicants avoid using artificial intelligence (AI) tools to compose or significantly revise their scholarship responses. The goal of this application is to reveal personal experiences, goals, and voice. Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in an automatic disqualification of your application.

Professionals should submit the scholarship application as well as the following to be considered:

- Resumé
- Letter of Recommendation
- Responses to all of the following short essay questions (250 words max per question):
 1. Describe your current role within the Risk Management and Insurance industry
 2. What are your career goals?
 3. What Institutes' designation(s) are you currently pursuing? How will this designation advance your career goals?
 4. Why should you be considered for this scholarship?

Amount: The scholarship awarded will be paid in the form of a voucher up to \$1,500. The voucher will be used within 12 months, to be used toward a professional designation class, Institutes' course materials, or exam. This is a one-time scholarship award.

Deadline: The application deadline is **May 1st, 2026**. The deadline is the date after which applications will no longer be accepted. Recipients will be notified by June 1st, 2026, via email and recognized at a CPCU Chapter-sponsored event.

Please send all submissions including resumé, letter of recommendations and prompt responses via email to richmondpcusociety@gmail.com