

Previous Scholarship Winners and Testimonials

Several of the previous scholarship winners have continued their education with ASPPA and made strides in their careers. We reached out to previous winners to see what they thought of the scholarship and ASPPA, and whether they had any advice for other credential seekers:

“The PenChecks scholarship was incredibly helpful in my career. It gave me a huge sense of accomplishment and confidence to move forward in this industry. With the help of the scholarship I was able to complete the required testing in under 1 year and receive my QKA as soon as my second year in the industry was complete.” – Kaitlin Schaefer, QKA, TGPC, 2014 Winner

The PenChecks scholarship “allowed me to accelerate my credential earnings by a full year. ... I earned my QKA in 2017, where I was planning on earning it in 2018.” – Chad Curtis, QKA, 2016 Winner

“Don’t put [earning the QKA credential] off. Both for yourself and your business, having these credentials makes a difference in the eyes of others and clients.” – Michael Hagan, QKA, 2016 Winner

“I have received two promotions since receiving this scholarship. I believe the knowledge learned from taking the RPF, DC-1 and DC-2 {courses} has aided in these promotion decisions. ... [The QKA] is not a course that you want to cram to take the test on. I would suggest study groups within your office if there are multiple people planning on taking the course.” – Chad Carleton, 2016 Winner

Below is a list of all previous PenChecks Scholarship winners:

2018:

- Amy Evans
- Calvin Medeiros-Rice
- Christina Smalls
- Grame Hansell
- Kevin Tomek
- Megan Yearous

2017:

- Brittany Burt
- Nicholas DiDomenico
- Sarah Duncombe
- Andrew Montgomery
- Rebecca Wolf
- Logan Young

2016:

- Chad Carleton
- Chad Curtis
- Michael Hagan
- Emily Halbach

2015:

- Suzie Andersen
- Taylor Clark
- Shantell Richardson
- Christopher Mathys

2014:

- Robert Brown
- Katilin Dahlberg
- Lynnmarie Easton
- Patricia Anderson