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Photo Cutline: Three area high school seniors are getting practical business experience and some cash for college through internships at the outsourced accounting firm GrowthForce. The Kingwood-based firm recently announced a college scholarship program for high school students interested in an accounting career. Pictured at work are GrowthForce interns: Preston Welty (left) from Humble High School with Cory Gathmann and Kelsey Witmer from Kingwood High School.

## GrowthForce Plants Seeds for Future Accountants Offers Scholarships and Internships

Kingwood, TX (March 8, 2007) - GrowthForce, an outsourced accounting and consulting services business based in Kingwood, is accepting applications for an accounting scholarship presented through the Houston CPA Society's Northeast Satellite and CPAs Helping Schools program.

GrowthForce will award a $\$ 500$ college scholarship to a graduating Kingwood High School senior who has completed at least two semesters of accounting and plans to enter the accounting field.

Application information is available online at: www.growthforce.com/scholarship Applications are due by April 2.
"GrowthForce is sponsoring the scholarship, along with an internship program, to encourage more students to select a career in accounting," said Stephen King, GrowthForce president and CEO. He explains that there is high demand for accounting professionals, but a shortage of students entering the accounting field.

King hopes that his company's efforts will inspire other local accounting firms to also establish internships and scholarships in conjunction with the Houston CPA Society. For more information on how to get started, businesses can contact King at 281-358-2007 or sking@growthforce.com

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