

## **Meritas 3-Year Resident Associate Program (Start date July 2022)**

### **Explanation and Description**

The Meritas Wealth Management LLC Resident Associate (RA) position will be a unique learning experience for the successful candidate—learning financial planning at a planning-centric firm, from a great team. The candidate will work directly with advisors and clients – preparing financial plans and plan updates, and working in all aspects of financial planning, from the discovery process to implementation and ongoing support of Meritas' clients' goals. They will gain the experience necessary to qualify to be a CFP® certificant, become part of the local planning community, and will have the opportunity to prepare for and take the CFP® Exam.

### **Financial Planning Resident Associate (RA)**

Upon successful completion of this 36-month program, the RA will be fully prepared to join an established planning firm or have the confidence and financial planning competence to practice on their own. They will be treated and have the same expectations as other Meritas employees even though the position will end after approximately three years. At that time, the Resident will move on to find other employment and will be highly qualified for attractive opportunities within the financial planning profession. This position, which is salaried (no sales-based compensation), is being offered by Meritas to leverage the firm's financial planning team and to help increase the number of competent planners entering the financial planning profession.

### **Job Duties**

- Meeting and working directly with the firm's clients in support of the firm's Advisors.
- Taking meeting notes, entering related tasks into Junxure, gathering information, and implementing recommendations.
- Documenting progress of client service actions and communications in Junxure.
- Communicating with clients.
- Preparing and implementing financial plans and updates.
- Implementing the firm's investment management services.
- Completing financial planning and investment management research and projects.
- Designing, implementing, and managing projects with the rest of the team.
- Completing client service and administrative tasks such as paperwork, moving money, account openings/closings/transfers, phones, scanning, filing, etc.
- Engaged participation at the firm's staff meetings and retreats.

### **Requirements**

Applicants must:

- Be trustworthy, ethical, hard-working, and professional.
- By July 2022, hold a bachelor's degree and complete a CFP Board Registered Program.

## Requirements (Continued)

Applicants must:

- Demonstrate excellent written, verbal, and technical skills.
- Be detail-oriented and be able to manage tasks and projects through to their successful completion.
- Enjoy working as part of a team, as well as be able to work effectively and efficiently on their own.
- Desire to learn and grown.
- Be enthusiastic to participate in the financial planning profession and community.

## Compensation and Benefits

- Competitive salary plus bonus potential
- 401(k) with company match
- Full array of benefits (medical, short- and long-term disability, life, etc.)
- CFP® Exam registration and preparation costs (if applicable)
- FPA membership

## How to Apply for this Position

- Email to [HR@meritaswealth.com](mailto:HR@meritaswealth.com) no later than March 4, 2022. *No phone calls please.*
- Please send your resume, cover letter and short essays answering the below questions.

## Short-Essay Questions

1. Why do you want to work for Meritas Wealth Management?
2. What would you bring to Meritas that is unique and special?
3. What would you need from Meritas to reach your highest potential?

Refer to the timeline below for more information on the hiring process and for your planning purposes. Please *note* that not every step of the interview process is guaranteed to all applicants.

## Steps in the Hiring Process

1. **Initial phone interview with Kacy Gott** - Kolbe Index A due prior to call (we will provide you with a coupon code to complete).
2. **Interim Assignment – Round 1** - Listen to two discovery meetings, take notes, and send to us close 48 hours prior to video interview. We will provide the link.
3. **Virtual Interview Round 1** – with financial planning team members
4. **Interim Assignment – Round 2** - Review client meeting notes, write follow-up email to client, send to us 48 hours after it is provided to you.
5. **Interview Round 2 (Virtual or in-person)** – with additional team members
6. **Interview Round 3 (Virtual or in-person)** – with partners
7. **Decision**