



Brian Popkin Assistant Controller



I am in charge of Accounting, Financial Reporting, and Cash.

How long have you been an assistant controller?

I've had this position the last 3 years. My previous position was as senior accountant.

Where do you currently work?

I work for TRI-K Industries in Denville, NJ. We sell and manufacture specialty ingredients.

How do you spend most of your time at work?

Lots of time spent sitting behind a computer. Working on emails and virtual meetings. Making journal entries, reviewing vendor accounts to pay, reviewing customer accounts for overdue amounts, reviewing financials, and managing staff.



*Future accountant &
chess player*

Why did you choose this career?

I like numbers and money and I'm good at math. Many years ago on my math SAT, I got a 710.

What did you do to prepare for this career?

A college degree is important and so is getting your first 2 years of accounting work experience.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I like closing the books at month end and producing the financials, getting everything to reconcile and solving problems.

What do you find most challenging about your job?

The most challenging is dealing with people remotely. It is harder now with Covid and working remotely. Communicating as a team can still be done, but it now takes more work.

BRIAN'S FUN FACT

*I like to play Chess and
have a ranking of
1550. That is pretty good!*

What is one piece of advice you would give to a young person who is interested in your profession?

When you are young, you should try it out and make sure you really like accounting since it is not for everyone. Also when you start, be prepared to pay your dues and prove yourself. Then good things will come.



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