



## Brian Popkin Assistant Controller



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

### **How long have you been an assistant controller?**

I have been an assistant controller for 4 years, with the past year as a regional assistant controller for the US Central and West Regions. My previous position was as senior accountant.

### **Where do you currently work?**

I work for Kyocera in Fairfield, NJ. Mostly we sell printer and copier machines.

### **How do you spend most of your time at work?**

- Lots of time sitting behind a computer.
- Working on emails and virtual meetings.
- Making and approving journal entries, reviewing financials, approving files.

### **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 having two years of accounting work experience.

### **What do you enjoy most about your job?**

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

### **What do you find most challenging about your job?**

The challenging part is working together in person and remotely as a team to get everything done. Everyone needs to get their parts in before the numbers can be finalized.

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

Try out different jobs when you are young to find if you really like it. There are a lot of jobs out there, so you should find one you enjoy. Be nice to your coworkers. It doesn't matter how smart you are if your coworkers don't want to work with you.



*Future accountant &  
chess player*

#### **BRIAN'S FUN FACT**

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



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