



Government Finance Officers Association

## **MINORITIES IN GOVERNMENT FINANCE SCHOLARSHIP**

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**AWARD:** The Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship is available for award to an upper-division undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in a course of study preparing for a career in state and local government finance.

**AMOUNT: \$5,000**

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: February 24, 2012**

**AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT: April 27, 2012**

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- Currently a full- or part-time upper-division undergraduate or graduate student in public administration, governmental accounting, finance, political science, economics or business administration and expecting to be enrolled in the spring 2012 semester (including spring 2012 graduates).
- Belong to one of the following groups (as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau): Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, Hispanic or Latino.
- Citizen or permanent resident of the United States or Canada.
- Recommendation from your academic advisor, the dean of the graduate program (graduate students) or department chair (undergraduate students). Student has not been a past winner of a scholarship program administered by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

### **CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:**

- Statement of proposed career plan in state and local government finance and proposed plan of graduate study, if applicable.
- Past academic record and work experience.
- Strength of past coursework and present plan of study as it relates to a career in the public sector.
- Letters of recommendations from your academic advisor, the dean of the graduate program, or department chair and others.
- Undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) grade point averages.

### **APPLICATION:**

Applicants must submit the following documents for consideration by the scholarship selection committee:

- Application form.
- Statement of proposed state and local government finance career plan and, if applicable, plan of graduate study.
- Undergraduate and graduate grade transcripts.
- Résumé.
- Academic advisor's, department chair's, or dean's letter of recommendation.
- Other letters of recommendation (optional).

All of the above items are to be submitted by the applicant's academic advisor, dean (graduate students), or department chair (undergraduate students) in a single envelope, postmarked no later than February 24, 2012 to:

**Government Finance Officers Association, Scholarship Committee,  
203 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2700, Chicago, Illinois 60601-1210**

The Government Finance Officers Association's Scholarship Committee will review all applications and make an award if it determines that one of the candidates has met all of the criteria. Applicants will be notified in writing on or before April 27, 2012, of the committee's final decision.

The winner, if one is selected, will be invited to attend the Government Finance Officers Association's annual conference in Chicago, Illinois, on June 10 – June 13, 2012, where the award will be presented. The winner will receive a complimentary annual conference registration, transportation costs to Chicago, and hotel accommodations. For additional information, e-mail Carole Colin at the Government Finance Officers Association, [cocolin@gfoa.org](mailto:cocolin@gfoa.org), or call 312/977-9700.

# **MINORITIES IN GOVERNMENT FINANCE SCHOLARSHIP**

## **FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Citizenship or Permanent Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate School \_\_\_\_\_

School's Location \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Obtained and Date \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate School \_\_\_\_\_

School's Location \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Sought \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the category that applies:

- Black or African American
- Asian
- Hispanic or Latino
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

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## **COURSE OF STUDY DATA TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT**

List all of the accounting and government finance courses you have completed since you began your current program. For each course, record the grade you received, including the plus (+) or minus (-) grades.

Course Title	Grade	Course Title	Grade
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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(Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

List all the accounting and government finance courses you plan to take to complete your course of study.

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(Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

List any major papers, internships, or work experiences you have completed or are working on that relate to your graduate program or state and local government finance career choice.

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(Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

Attach a statement (not to exceed two pages typed, double spaced) describing your proposed state and local government finance career plans and, if applicable, plan of graduate study. Be specific about the type of government career you plan to pursue and why you chose it. Also, describe any work experience, including internships and volunteer work on projects, relative to your state and local government finance career choice or graduate plan of study (if applicable).