



GOVERNMENT FINANCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

AWARD: The Government Finance Professional Development Scholarship is available for award to one or more employees of a state or local government enrolled in part-time graduate study preparing for a career in state and local government finance.

AMOUNT: \$5,000 (for each award)

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: February 18, 2011

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT: April 22, 2011

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Employed at least two years by one or more state or local governments.
- Recommendation by your employer.
- Currently a part-time student in a graduate program in public administration, (governmental) accounting, finance, economics, or business administration that prepares students for careers in state and local government finance and expecting to be enrolled in the spring 2011 semester (including spring 2011 graduates).
- Baccalaureate degree or its equivalent.
- Citizen or permanent resident of the United States or Canada.
- Recommendation by your academic advisor or dean of the graduate program.
- 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.
- Plans to pursue a career in state or local government finance.
- 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 recommendation from your employer, your academic advisor or dean of the graduate program, and others.
- Undergraduate and graduate grade point averages.

APPLICATION:

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

- Application form.
- Statement describing your experience working for a state, local government, or other special-purpose government entity, your proposed plan of study and how it will help your career in the public sector.
- Undergraduate and graduate grade transcripts.
- Résumé.
- Employer's letter of recommendation.
- Academic advisor's or dean's letter of recommendation, other letters of recommendation (optional).

All of the above items are to be submitted in a single envelope, postmarked no later than February 18, 2011, 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 22, 2011, 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 San Antonio, Texas, on May 22 – May 25, 2011, where the award will be presented. The winner will receive a complimentary annual conference registration, transportation costs to San Antonio, and hotel accommodations. For additional information, e-mail Carole Colin at the Government Finance Officers Association, cocolin@gfoa.org, or call 312/977-9700.

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FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Country of Citizenship or Permanent Residence _____

Employer _____

Address _____

Contact/Telephone _____

Position/Length of Employment _____

Graduate School _____

School's Location _____

Degree Sought _____

Graduate Grade Point Average _____

Anticipated Graduation Date _____

Undergraduate School(s) _____

School's Location _____

Major/Minor _____

Degree Obtained and Date _____

Undergraduate Grade Point Average _____

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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
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

(Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

List all the courses you plan to take to complete your course of study.

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

(Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

Attach a statement (not to exceed two pages typed, double spaced) describing your proposed plan of graduate study and your state and local government finance career plans. 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 graduate plan of study or state and local government finance career choice.