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*GFOA Awards Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship*

(Chicago, Illinois – April 3, 2018) Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has announced the recipients of its 2018 scholarships. GFOA’s mission is to promote excellence in state and local government financial management and the awarding of scholarships is one of the ways GFOA accomplishes its mission.

The recipient of the **\$10,000 Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship** is **Chineme Stacy Esimai**, who will graduate in the spring of 2020 with a Master in Public Administration, concentration in Inspection and Oversight, from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, New York. Stacy immigrated to the United States from Nigeria over two decades ago and earned the Certified Public Accountant and Certified Fraud Examiner designations. She is currently employed by the New York City Comptroller’s Office in the Audit Bureau, where she assists with the financial audits of New York City agencies. Stacy’s long-term goal is to work in the Inspector or Auditor General Office at the state or municipal level.

GFOA’s *Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship* is available for award to an upper-division undergraduate or graduate student of public administration, governmental accounting, finance, political science, economics, or business administration (with a specific focus on government or nonprofit management). The purpose of the *Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship* is to recognize outstanding performance by minority students preparing for careers in state and local government finance. The winner of the scholarship is invited to attend GFOA’s Annual Conference, where the award will be presented. This scholarship is funded by Government Finance Officers Association.

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**The eligibility requirements for the award include:**

- Currently a full- or part-time upper-division undergraduate or graduate student in public administration, governmental accounting, finance, political science, economics, or business administration (with a specific focus on government or nonprofit management).
- 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 someone who can speak to the student's commitment to the public sector.
- Student has not been a past winner of a scholarship administered by Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

For more information about GFOA's scholarships, please contact Peg Hartnett, Senior Manager, at [phartnett@gfoa.org](mailto:phartnett@gfoa.org).

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