SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS INTENDING TO PURSUE CAREERS IN PUBLIC FINANCE

Summary

The Government Finance Professional Development Scholarship of \$5,000 (each award) is available for award in 2013 to four students enrolled in part-time graduate study that are employees of a state or local government and are preparing to continue their career in state and local government finance. The winners, if selected, will be invited to attend the Government Finance Officers Association's annual conference in San Francisco, California June 2-5, 2013, where the awards will be presented. The winners will receive a complimentary annual conference registration and transportation costs to San Francisco and hotel accommodations.

Eligibility

Employed at least two years by one or more state or local governments

Recommendation by your academic advisor or dean of the graduate program

Recommendation by your employer

Currently a part-time student in a graduate program in public administration, governmental accounting, finance, economics, or business administration preparing for a career in state and local government finance; student must expect to be enrolled in the Spring 2013 semester (including Spring 2013 graduates).

Baccalaureate degree or its equivalent

Student has not been a past winner of a scholarship program administered by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

Citizen or permanent resident of the United States or Canada

Deadline

February 22, 2013

Award Announcement

April 30, 2013

Applications and additional information are available under "Student Opportunities" at www.gfoa.org.

Contact

Scholarship Committee Government Finance Officers Association 203 North LaSalle Street Suite 2700 Chicago, IL 60601-1210 (312/977-9700)

GOVERNMENT FINANCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Government Finance Professional Development Scholarship is available for award to four students enrolled in part-time graduate study that are employees of a state or local government and are preparing to continue their career in state and local government finance.

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

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: February 22, 2013

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT: April 30, 2013

ELIGIBALITY REQUIRERENTS:

- 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 2013 semester (including spring 2013 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 SCHOLLESHIP AWARDS

- 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 22, 2013, 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 the awards if it determines that four candidates have met all of the criteria. Applicants will be notified in writing on or before April 30, 2013, of the committee's final decision.

The winners, if selected, will be invited to attend the Government Finance Officers Association's annual conference in San Francisco, June 2-5, 2013, where the awards will be presented. The winners will receive a complimentary annual conference registration, transportation costs to San Francisco, and hotel accommodations. For additional information, e-mail Carole Colin at the Government Finance Officers Association, ccolin@gfoa.org, or call 312/977-9700.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

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. (Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.) 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.

GRADUATE NOTICE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada, which serves government finance professionals throughout those countries, is pleased to announce the Daniel B. Goldberg Scholarship, Frank L. Greathouse Government Accounting Scholarship, Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship and the Government Finance Professional Development Scholarship.

In 1985, the GFOA's executive board voted to create the Daniel B. Goldberg Scholarship to recognize outstanding performances by graduate program students preparing for a career in state and local government finance. The **Daniel B. Goldberg Scholarship** competition is for students who are enrolled full-time in a graduate program that prepares students for careers in state and local government finance. Eligible students should expect to be enrolled in the 2013 semester (including spring 2013 graduates). One scholarship of \$10,000 is available for award in 2013. The Daniel B. Goldberg Scholarship is funded by the *Girard Miller Foundation*.

In 1987, the GFOA's executive board voted to create a Government Accounting Scholarship to recognize outstanding performance in accounting studies and to encourage careers in state and local government. The **Frank L. Greathouse Government Accounting Scholarship** competition is for undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled full-tim in a university or college preparing for a career in state and local government finance in the United States or Canada. Undergraduate students must be in the process of completing at least their junior year by the time the scholarship is awarded. Two scholarships of \$5,000 each are available for award in 2013.

In 1993, the GFOA's executive board voted to create the Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship to recognize and encourage outstanding minority students enrolled in a course of study preparing for a career in state or local government finance. The Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship competition is for minority students of public administration, (governmental) accounting, finance, political science, economics or business administration (with a specific focus on government or nonprofit management) at the upper-division undergraduate or graduate level. One scholarship of \$5,000 is available for award in 2013.

In 2010, the GFOA's executive board voted to create the Government Finance Professional Development Scholarship to support the studies of part-time students with a career interest in state and local government finance. The **Government Finance Professional Development Scholarship** competition is for graduate students who have been admitted on a part-time basis to a graduate program in public administration, finance, business administration or a related field. Four scholarships of \$5,000 each are available for award in 2013.

Accompanying this notice is a flyer for each program to announce details of the scholarship to interested students.

Candidates for these scholarships should have a superior record of academic achievement and/or job performance and show promise of completion of their studies at a high level of performance. In addition, candidates should have plans to pursue a career in state or local government finance.

Candidates are asked to complete an application (available under "student opportunities" at our website www.gfoa.org) and to submit it to their academic advisor, or the department chair together with the required supporting materials. It is requested that the academic advisor or department chair prepare a letter of recommendation and send it, along with the application form and the candidate's supporting materials, in a single envelope, to:

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

All applications must be postmarked no later than February 22, 2013. The winner will be informed, and the award publicly announced, by April 30, 2013. The scholarship recipient will be invited to attend the GFOA's annual conference in San Francisco, June 2-5, 2013. This includes a complementary annual conference registration, transportation costs to Chicago, and hotel accommodations.

In an effort to keep our records current we ask you to provide the best contact information for us to use when we distribute future scholarship information.

Contact Person (if available)	
E-mail address	
Department	
Institution	
Address	
Address	
City, State, Zip	

Send this information by either mail: Government Finance Officers Association 203 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2700 Chicago, Illinois 60601-1210

Or e-mail: ccolin@gfoa.org

If you have any questions, please call Carole Colin 312-977-9700 ext. 240.