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

Summary
The Government Finance Professional Development Scholarship of $7,000 (each award) is available for award in 2015 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 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 31-June 3, 2015 where the awards will be presented. The winners will receive a complimentary annual conference registration and transportation costs to Philadelphia 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 2015 semester (including Spring 2015 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 20, 2015

Award Announcement
April 30, 2015

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

Applications and additional information are available under “Student Opportunities” at www.gfoa.org.
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 _________________________________

Overall Undergraduate Grade Point Average __________________
GOVERNMENT FINANCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

AWARD: 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: $7,000 (for each award)

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: February 20, 2015

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT: April 30, 2015

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 2015 semester (including spring 2015 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 20, 2015, 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, 2015, of the committee’s final decision.

The winners, if selected, will be invited to attend the Government Finance Officers Association’s annual conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 31-June 3, 2015, where the awards will be presented. The winners will receive a complimentary annual conference registration, transportation costs to Philadelphia, and hotel accommodations. For additional information, e-mail Robert Kotchen at the Government Finance Officers Association, rskotchen@gfoa.org, or call 312/977-9700.
GOVERNMENT FINANCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP
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.

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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.
ATTENTION: FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABLE GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada, which serves government finance professionals throughout those countries, is pleased to announce that the following scholarships are available for award in the Spring of 2015 to students expecting to be enrolled in the 2015 Spring semester (including Spring 2015 graduates):

$12,000 Daniel B. Goldberg Scholarship, funded by the Girard Miller Foundation

$7,000 Frank L. Greathouse Government Accounting Scholarship

$7,000 Government Finance Professional Development Scholarship

$7,000 Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship, funded by Tyler Technologies

Accompanying this notice is a flyer for each program that provides details of the scholarships and the application forms for each program (also available under “student opportunities” which is listed under “About GFOA” at our website www.gfoa.org).

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.

FUTURE CONTACT

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: rkotchen@gfoa.org

If you have any questions, please call Robert Kotchen 312-977-9700 ext. 2273.