

# **MINORITIES IN GOVERNMENT FINANCE SCHOLARSHIP**

Recognizing outstanding performance by minority  
students preparing for careers in state and local  
government finance



Government Finance Officers Association  
of the United States and Canada

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## NOTICE OF SCHOLARSHIP

### MINORITY UPPER-DIVISION UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada is pleased to announce the Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship. This 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 2009. The Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship is funded by Microsoft.

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) serves government finance professionals throughout the United States and Canada. 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.

Candidates 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 the enclosed application and to submit it to their academic advisor, the department chair, or the dean of their graduate program, together with the required supporting materials. It is requested that the academic advisor, department chair, or dean of the graduate program 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 March 6, 2009. The winner will be informed, and the award publicly announced, by May 8, 2009. The scholarship recipient will be invited to attend the GFOA's annual conference in Seattle, Washington, June 28-July 1, 2009. The GFOA provides a complimentary annual conference registration and Microsoft will pay for transportation costs to Seattle and hotel accommodations.

Also, accompanying this notice is a poster to announce details of the scholarship to interested students. Space has been provided at the bottom of the poster for the name, address and telephone number of an appropriate contact person for students desiring more information.

**Government Finance Officers Association  
of the United States and Canada  
MINORITIES IN GOVERNMENT FINANCE SCHOLARSHIP**

**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:** March 6, 2009

**Award Announcement:** May 8, 2009

**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 (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 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:**

- Plans to pursue a career in state and local government finance.
- Past academic record and work experience.
- Strength of past coursework and present plan of study.
- Undergraduate and graduate 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 March 6, 2009 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 May 8, 2009 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 Seattle, Washington, June 28-July 1, 2009, where the award will be presented. The winner will receive a complimentary annual conference registration and Microsoft will pay for transportation costs to Seattle and hotel accommodations. For additional information, call Carole Colin at the Government Finance Officers Association, 312/977-9700.

# MINORITIES IN GOVERNMENT FINANCE SCHOLARSHIP

*Form to be completed by the applicant.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Country of citizenship or permanent residence \_\_\_\_\_

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

Location of School(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Sought/Obtained and Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Location of School \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Please check the category that applies:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American        | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander |   |

# MINORITIES IN GOVERNMENT FINANCE SCHOLARSHIP

## *Course of study data to be completed by the 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.

<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Grade</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
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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).