



Women in Public Finance 2019 Achievement Award and Scholarship Application

Overview

Women in Public Finance (“WPF”) is a non-profit, educational, and professional networking organization for women in the public finance industry. Governed by an 18-member board of directors representing the areas of finance, banking and law, the organization also sponsors a variety of philanthropic events in support of women.

What is Public Finance?

Public finance generally refers to how governments raise and spend money. Individuals who work in public finance help governments at all levels – national, state, and local – obtain the necessary financial resources to pay for certain services and building projects, including but not limited to, schools, roads, parks, water, police and fire protection, libraries, and health care.

Achievement Award and Scholarship Overview

Women in Public Finance operates a scholarship program that provides multiple recipients, annually, with an Award and Scholarship in a minimum amount of \$1,000. The purpose of the Women in Public Finance scholarship program is to:

- 1) Recognize college-bound, female high school seniors who have exhibited scholastic achievement (preferably with an established aptitude in mathematics) and demonstrated leadership skills;
- 2) Encourage the consideration of careers in finance and, more specifically, public finance; and
- 3) Provide an opportunity for award recipients to meet women established in the public finance industry and learn about various career options and opportunities available to them.

Application

To *qualify* and *apply* for the Award and Scholarship, the applicant must, at a minimum:

- 1) Be a female, college-bound high school student entering her senior year in the fall of 2019;
- 2) Have at least a 3.0 GPA, or equivalent;
- 3) Have a strong interest in pursuing a public finance related career in finance, government, nonprofits, or law;
- 4) Exhibit leadership skills through extracurricular activities, volunteer positions, and/or work experience; and
- 5) Complete and submit the 2019 Award and Scholarship application form, the required essays and a copy of your most recent unofficial high school transcript **VIA E-MAIL** to scholarship@wpfc.com so that the application is **RECEIVED** no later than 11:59pm, Pacific Daylight Time on June 15, 2019.

Selection and Recognition

Women in Public Finance will select award recipients based on the qualifications of the candidate as demonstrated by the completed application and submitted essays. Women in Public Finance may also elect to conduct phone interviews as part of the selection process. Each award recipient will receive an Award and Scholarship in a minimum amount of \$1,000. The scholarship will be paid in the form of a check payable to the award recipient. Scholarship recipients will be notified by July 30, 2019.

Award recipients, along with a parent, guardian, or teacher, will be invited to accept the Award and Scholarship at the Women in Public Finance Annual Conference to be held on **Friday, September 27, 2019 in Austin, TX.** (**Note:** Attendance at the annual conference is not required to receive the Award and Scholarship). A list of all winners will be posted on the WPF website (www.wpfc.com) after the annual conference.



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Application

Please type or print all responses and *include a copy of your unofficial high school transcript with your application*. While typed responses are preferred, neatly handwritten responses will be accepted.

Date: / /2019

Name: _____ Age: _____

High School: _____ Grade in fall 2019: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Extracurricular Activities. Describe your extracurricular, community, and other activities or hobbies **in the order of interest to you**. Include specific events and/or major accomplishments such as musical instrument played, varsity letters earned, etc. Attach additional sheets if necessary and include your name and email address on each sheet.

Activity	Dates of Involvement		Position Held, Honor Earned, Letter Earned, or Other Accomplishment	Approximate Time Spent	
				Hours per Week	Weeks per Year
		to			

Work Experience. Please list paid jobs or volunteer internships you have held including summer employment, if any. Attach additional sheets if necessary and include your name and email address on each sheet.

Employer	Dates of Employment		Job Description	Approx. Time Worked	
				Hours per Week	Weeks per year
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Please describe your interest in pursuing a finance-related career working with government or nonprofits and why this is a career path that interests you.
