



WOMEN IN PUBLIC FINANCE NATIONAL 2022 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

WOMEN IN PUBLIC FINANCE

Women in Public Finance (www.wpfc.com) is a national organization founded in 1997. The goal of Women in Public Finance is to advance leadership opportunities for women by fostering relationships and providing educational activities and forums.

Participants include state and local government bond issuers (including but not limited to staff of states, cities, counties, and school districts), not-for-profit issuers (including but not limited to staff of universities and hospitals), investment bankers, attorneys, financial advisors, rating agency analysts, trust officers, and municipal market investors.

Last year, 2021, we celebrated our 25th anniversary and this year, 2022 we continue our commitment to developing a place for women in the public finance industry to find support and camaraderie amongst their peers. WPF encourages women in all stages of post-secondary education and continuing education to apply for a scholarship to support their career goals.

What is Public Finance?

Public finance generally refers to how governments raise and spend money for their services and capital needs. Individuals who work in public finance help governments at all levels—national, state, and local—obtain the necessary financial resources (such as through the sale of municipal bonds) to fund certain capital projects, including but not limited to, schools, roads, parks, water and sewer infrastructure, and police/fire stations.

Scholarship Program History

In keeping with its tradition of supporting women in their aspirations of achieving successful careers in the finance industry, Women in Public Finance (National) offers an annual scholarship.

The purpose of the Women in Public Finance Award & Scholarship is to:

- Recognize women that are college-bound high school students, continuing their undergraduate studies or graduate students who have exhibited scholastic achievement and demonstrated leadership skills.
- Support women wanting to advance within the public finance industry by obtaining additional industry specific certifications.
- Encourage young women to consider careers in public finance.
- 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.

Scholarship Program Overview and Qualifications

Women in Public Finance operates a scholarship program that provides several \$1,000 scholarships each year, as determined by the financial resources of the organization and several \$200 scholarships to register and prepare for an industry entrance exam. For 2022, scholarships will be awarded to applicants who meet the following criteria:

1. Identify as a woman;
2. Plan to enroll or are enrolled in an institute of higher education or industry specific exam in the fall/winter of 2022-2023;
3. If applying for a scholarship to support higher education, applicants must demonstrate good academic standing;
4. All applicants must exhibit leadership skills through extracurricular activities, work experience, volunteer positions, and/or community service;
5. Have an interest in pursuing a public finance-related career, which may include the fields of finance, banking, government, non-profit, or legal work related to finance; and
6. Complete and submit the following documents, which comprise one (1) complete scholarship packet. It is preferred that documents be submitted as a single PDF:
 - The 2022 Scholarship Application Form (see attached)
 - The Essay Submission (see attached)
 - If applying for a scholarship to support higher education, copies of your official academic transcripts that reflect no less than [three years of completed course work]; however, a longer academic history is welcomed. Transcripts will only be accepted in PDF format.
 - If applying for a scholarship to support an industry specific exam, provide a copy of your resume that details works experience.
7. All completed scholarship packets are to be sent via e-mail [in a single PDF file](mailto:scholarship@wpfc.com) to scholarship@wpfc.com and must be received no later than 11:59 P.M., Pacific Time, on **May 31, 2022.**

Please note that incomplete applications or applications submitted in formats other than described above, including multiple documents or files, will not be reviewed. In the event an applicant is not able to submit an application in the format requested, please email scholarship@wpfc.com for assistance.

Selection and Recognition

Women in Public Finance will select scholarship recipients annually based on the qualifications of the candidates as demonstrated by the completed application, official transcripts, and submitted essay.

The scholarship award will be mailed to recipients no later than September 1 for the upcoming academic year in the form of a check to the year's recipients for college, graduate school or industry related entry exam related expenses. Before receiving the scholarship check, each recipient must provide proof of summer/fall semester registration and indicate what items are expected to be purchased with the funds. If applying for an industry related entrance exam, please indicate registration date for exam and confirmation that you have registered.

Award recipients will be invited to attend the 2022 Women in Public Finance Annual Conference, which will be held in the fall of 2022 in Scottsdale, Arizona at their own expense.

(Note: Attendance at the annual conference is not required to receive the scholarship.)

Scholarship recipients are expected to be notified no later than June 30 and a list of all winners will be posted on the WPF website (<http://www.wpfc.com/>).

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

To be considered, the application form must be completed in full. Typed responses are preferred, although neatly handwritten responses will be accepted. Please do **not** add your name to the application where it is not requested **or** to any of the essay pages.

All applicants must submit copies of their most recent, official academic transcripts that reflect no less than three years of completed coursework; however, a longer academic history is welcomed. Transcripts will only be accepted in PDF format and the entire scholarship packet (the completed application form, all transcripts, and essay) should be submitted as one (1) PDF document.

An updated scholarship packet can be submitted prior to the stated deadline after initially sending a scholarship packet. However, applicants must also include and resubmit ALL documents that comprise their FULL scholarship packet, since only the last submission will be evaluated.

Any further questions?

Please contact Women in Public Finance at scholarship@wpfc.com.

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First Name: Enter first name here **Last Name:** Enter last name here

Mailing Address: Enter street address here

City: Enter city here **State:** Enter state here **Zip Code:** Enter zip code here

Phone: Enter phone number here **Email Address:** Enter email address here

Higher Education Scholarship:

School Currently Attending: Enter School Name **Address:** Mailing Address, City, State, Zip

Expected Graduation Date: Enter date here **GPA on a 4.0 Scale:** Enter weighted GPA

Summer/Fall 2022 School: Enter School Name **Address:** Mailing Address, City, State, Zip

Expected Graduation Date: Enter date here

Industry Specific Exam Scholarship:

Name of Exam

Expected Exam Date: Enter date here

Location of Exam: Enter Location Name **Address:** Mailing Address, City, State, Zip

Certification Statement:

I certify the statements made in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and I understand they may be verified. I also understand providing false or incomplete information in this application and/or in any other supporting documents may cause me to be disqualified for scholarship consideration and/or receipt of scholarship funds.

Applicant's signature:

Date: Enter date here

(Enter electronic signature above or print completed form and sign)

Women in Public Finance hosts career/networking, educational, and mentoring events throughout the year. We would like to invite any interested applicant to participate in these events as appropriate. If you are interested, please indicate so below.

Your choice to be, or not to be, contacted is not a consideration in the evaluation of the scholarship application.

- Yes, I would like to learn about future internship and job opportunities from Women in Public Finance and I give Women in Public Finance permission to contact me with this information.
- Yes, I would like to learn about the Women in Public Finance Mentorship Program and I give Women in Public Finance permission to contact me with this information.
- Yes, I would like to learn more about future Women in Public Finance events and I give Women in Public Finance permission to contact me with this information.
- Yes, I would like to be added to the mailing list of the below Women in Public Finance chapters and I give Women in Public Finance permission to add me to such mailing lists:

<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama	<input type="checkbox"/> Boston	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicago	<input type="checkbox"/> Florida	<input type="checkbox"/> Georgia	<input type="checkbox"/> Indiana
<input type="checkbox"/> Iowa	<input type="checkbox"/> Kansas and Missouri	<input type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles	<input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana	<input type="checkbox"/> Maryland	
<input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota	<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Region (AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, WY)			<input type="checkbox"/> Northern California	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ohio	<input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Northwest	<input type="checkbox"/> San Diego	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee	
<input type="checkbox"/> Texas	<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin			

Disclaimer: Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their submissions are complete and received by 11:59 PM Pacific Time on the deadline date. Women in Public Finance will not consider scholarship packets that are submitted by means other than electronic submission to scholarship@wpfc.com, scholarship packets that are incomplete, or scholarship packets that arrive late, regardless of the reason.

Please complete the following in its entirety

If known, college or graduate school you will attend in the fall/winter 2022-2023 semester:

Enter college name here

Extracurricular Activities *may be replaced with a resume containing the same information*

Describe your extracurricular activities and other hobbies **in the order of interest to you**. Include specific events and/or major accomplishments. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Activity: Enter name of extracurricular activity or hobby here

Position Held, Honor Earned, Letter Earned, or Other Accomplishment:

Enter your role, your accomplishments, your awards, etc. here

Dates of Involvement: Enter the dates you were involved/enrolled in this activity here

Approximate Hours/Week: Enter approximate hours per week you participated in activity here

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Work Experience *may be replaced with a resume containing the same information*

Starting with your most recent position, please list paid jobs or volunteer internships you have held, including summer employment, if any. Include specific events and/or major accomplishments. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Employer: Enter name of employer here
Job Title: Enter your job title here
Dates of Employment: Enter the dates you are/were employed here
Approximate Hours/Week: Enter approximate amount of hours per week you work(ed) here
Positions Held, Honor Earned, or Other Accomplishment: Enter your role, your accomplishments, your awards, etc. here
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Community Service may be replaced with a resume containing the same information

Starting with your most recent position, please list any community service you have participated in. Include specific events and/or major accomplishments. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name of Organization: Enter name of organization you performed community service for
Positions Held, Honor Earned, or Other Accomplishment: Enter your role, your accomplishments, your awards, etc. here

Description of Community Service Performed:

Enter as much detail about the program and your role in the program here

Dates of Involvement: Enter the date(s) you participated in this community service here

Name of Organization: Enter name of organization you performed community service for
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Public Finance Interest

Public Finance historically has been a male-dominated field. The goal of Women in Public Finance is to advance leadership opportunities for women by fostering relationships and providing educational activities and forums. Public Finance professionals work on issues that impact the finance of public entities and include bankers, lawyers, credit analysts and issuers. The Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) has a video that discusses the bond issuance process, we encourage you to review this video. [MSRB Video](#)

Please discuss why you are interested in Public Finance (and/or a related area of study) and how Women in Public Finance can help guide you in your future goals. If you are applying for the SEI Exam Scholarship or other industry specific exam, please include how the Exam will help you with your future career goals. (Please limit response to 500 words.)

Describe your interest here.

ESSAY SUBMISSION

- Your essay should be submitted as a separate sheet or document.
- Do not include your name on the pages.
- Select one essay from the options below.
- Your response should be no less than 500-words (minimum), no more than 1,000-words (maximum). Responses may be single-spaced or double-spaced.

Option A –Leadership

Describe a specific example of demonstrated leadership ability in your school, work, or community. (This is not intended to be a restatement of a resume.)

Option B – Public Policy

Describe a public policy issue about which you are passionate and outline both the challenges and potential solutions regarding such issue.