

WGFOA National Conference Scholarship Active Member Scholarship

WGFOA will offer one \$1,000 scholarship annually for a WGFOA active member to attend the annual GFOA national conference. Criteria for this award are:

- Active member means the WGFOA member has paid his or her membership dues for current calendar year.
- Applicant must submit an application for this scholarship to the WGFOA President no later than November 1. Application would consist of a letter or memo from the applicant identifying how the applicant meets the criteria for the scholarship. At its discretion, the WGFOA Board President may extend this deadline to March 1.
- Applicant must have been a member of WGFOA for three years and have attended at least three WGFOA conferences over a three-year period prior to the November 1 deadline.
- The upcoming GFOA conference would be the first national conference the applicant would be attending outside the state of Wisconsin in the past five years.
- The applicant must submit a verbal report to the WGFOA Board at the next scheduled board meeting following the dates of the national conference (i.e. fall conference, which is usually held in September). The report would identify what they learned at the conference, how they will be able to use what they learned to improve their job performance, etc.
- Applicant needs to identify in his/her application whether or not they intend to be an ongoing member of WGFOA and whether or not they plan on attending other WGFOA conferences.

At the winter WGFOA board meeting, the board will review all applications it has received to determine which applicants meet the necessary qualifications. At the winter WGFOA business meeting, the WGFOA President, or designee, will conduct a drawing of qualified applicants to determine the winner for the upcoming national conference. The President, or designee, may elect to draw a back-up name(s) in case the first winner does not register and attend the conference.

Reimbursement will be made to the winner following the GFOA conference upon submission of an attendance report demonstrating attendance at a minimum of 75% of the CPE sessions offered and completion of the verbal report requirement.

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