WGFOA National Conference Scholarship Active Member Scholarship

WGFOA will offer two (2) \$1,500 scholarships 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. Active members do not include Business or Student members.
- 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 his/her discretion, the WGFOA President may extend this deadline to March 1.
- Applicant must have been a dues-paying member of WGFOA for three years and have attended at least three WGFOA conferences over a three-year period prior to the application deadline.
- The upcoming GFOA conference would be the first national conference the applicant would be attending outside the state of Wisconsin in the past three 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.

In the event the application deadline has been extended to March 1, the application review and award issuance shall occur at the spring board meeting.

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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