

WGFOA National Conference Scholarship Active Member Scholarship

WGFOA will offer one \$3,000 (maximum) scholarship annually for a WGFOA active member to attend the annual GFOA national conference. The amount of the scholarship will be based on actual costs of attendance including registration, travel, lodging, and meal per diem expenses. Criteria for this award are:

- Active member means the WGFOA member has paid his or her membership dues for the current calendar year. Active members do not include Associate, Honorary, or Student members.
- Applicant must submit an application for this scholarship to the WGFOA President no later than July 31. Application form is available on the WGFOA website. 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 a scheduled board meeting within one year following the date of the national conference attended. 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 fall WGFOA board meeting, the board will review all applications it has received to determine which applicants meet the necessary qualifications. At the fall WGFOA business meeting, the WGFOA President, or designee, will conduct a drawing of qualified applicants to determine the winner for an upcoming national conference. The winner may use the scholarship for either of the next two national conferences. 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, submission of receipts documenting costs up to the scholarship amount, and completion of the verbal report requirement.

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