



WOMEN IN PUBLIC FINANCE  
LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

## Women in Public Finance Los Angeles Chapter

### 2023 Scholarship Application

The Women in Public Finance-Los Angeles Chapter is a non-profit, educational, and professional networking organization for women in the public finance industry. Governed by a board of directors that represent the areas of finance, banking, and law, the organization sponsors a variety of philanthropic events in support of women. To learn more about us, please visit our website: <https://www.losangeleswfpf.com/>.

#### What is Public Finance?

Public finance generally refers to how governments raise and spend money for capital projects. Individuals who work in public finance help governments at all levels—national, state, and local—obtain the capital necessary to finance many different types of infrastructure projects, including but not limited to K-14 schools, colleges and universities, fire and police stations, libraries, public transportation, airports, parks, clean water projects, and hospitals.

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#### Scholarship and Award Overview

The Women in Public Finance-Los Angeles Chapter operates a scholarship program that provides up to two \$2,500 scholarships annually. The purpose of the Women in Public Finance-Los Angeles Chapter scholarship program is to:

- 1) Recognize college-bound female high school seniors or female students currently in college who have exhibited scholastic achievement 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 Scholarship and Award, the applicant must, at a minimum:

- 1) Be a female high school senior or college student who either lives or attends school within Southern California (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties);
- 2) Intends to attend college in the Fall of 2023;
- 3) Have at least a 3.0 GPA, or equivalent;
- 4) Exhibit leadership skills through extracurricular activities, volunteer positions, and/or work experience;
- 5) Have an interest in pursuing a public finance related career in finance, government, non-profits, or law; and,
- 6) Complete and submit the 2023 Scholarship application form, the required essays and a photocopy of your most recent unofficial high school transcript **VIA E-MAIL** to [wpflascholarship@gmail.com](mailto:wpflascholarship@gmail.com) so that the application is **RECEIVED** no later than **6:00 PM** (Pacific Time) on **June 30, 2023**.

#### Selection and Recognition

The Women in Public Finance-Los Angeles Chapter will select up to two recipients based on the qualifications of the candidates as demonstrated by the completed application and submitted essays. The scholarship recipient will be notified on or about July 15, 2023. The recipient(s) will be awarded a scholarship in an amount of \$2,500. The scholarship will be paid in the form of a check payable to each award recipient. The award recipient(s), along with a parent or guardian, will be invited to accept the scholarship and recognition at the Women in Public Finance-Los Angeles Chapter Quarterly Meeting to be held in December. (**Note:** Attendance at the Quarterly Meeting is not required to receive the scholarship). The Women in Public Finance-Los Angeles Chapter may also elect to conduct phone interviews as part of the selection process.

\*Completed application must be received via email ([wpflascholarship@gmail.com](mailto:wpflascholarship@gmail.com)) by 6:00 PM (Pacific) on June 30, 2023\*



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Please type or print all responses and *attach a photocopy of your unofficial school transcript to your application.* While typed responses are preferred, neatly handwritten responses will be accepted.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**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, academic awards, etc. Attach additional sheets if necessary and include your name and address on each sheet. *Please note you may also attach your Common Application resume.*

Activity	Dates of Involvement		Position Held, Honor Earned, Letter Earned, or Other Accomplishment	Approximate Time Spent	
				Hours per Week	Weeks per Year
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**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 address on each sheet. *Please note you may also attach your Common Application resume.*

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 public finance related career in finance, government, nonprofits, or law and why this is a career path that interests you.

Name:

**Personal Essay.** Please write a personal essay on one of the options listed below (responses should be 350 to 500 words). Indicate your selected option by checking the appropriate box next to it. This personal essay helps us become acquainted with you as a person, apart from courses, grades, and other objective data. It will also demonstrate your ability to organize your thoughts and express yourself.

- Option 1:** Describe an interest you have pursued outside of your high school classes (e.g. independently or through a student organization, part-time work, sports, playing in a band, volunteering, etc.) and the knowledge or skills you have gained as a result of this interest.
- Option 2:** Describe something that is free in the City that you live in that you think is special and enjoy and why?
- Option 3:** Describe an event from your childhood that has influenced you throughout your life in terms of your goals, your personality, or your ambitions.

**Attach your application, transcript and essays to your email in Adobe pdf format. Please include your full name on each individual attachment.**

*Disclaimer: Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their submissions are complete and are received by 6:00 PM (Pacific Time) on the deadline date. Women in Public Finance-Los Angeles Chapter will not consider applications that are submitted by means other than electronic submission to [wpflascholarship@gmail.com](mailto:wpflascholarship@gmail.com), that are incomplete or that arrive late, regardless of the reason.*