

Women in Public Finance Chicago Chapter Scholarship

Women in Public Finance Chicago Chapter (“Chicago WPF”) is a non-profit, educational, and professional networking organization for women in the public finance industry, specifically throughout Chicagoland. Governed by a 15-member board of directors representing the areas of finance, banking and law, the organization also sponsors a variety of philanthropic events in support of women.

In support of its mission, Chicago WPF plans to award up to three scholarships: the Dana Marinacci Scholarship (\$2,000) for women students interested in public finance with a focus on government, the Founder’s Scholarship (\$1,500) for women students interested in all scopes of finance, and the Miró Scholarship (\$1,000) open to women students with an interest in financial services. This year we are also adding an additional new element to the scholarships. Those awarded will also receive ongoing mentorship and access to a limited number of Chicago WPF educational and social events in the upcoming year.

The purpose of the Chicago WPF scholarship program is to:

1. Recognize female undergraduates and graduate students in the Chicagoland area who have exhibited scholastic achievement and demonstrated leadership skills;
2. Encourage the consideration of careers in public finance; and
3. Provide an opportunity for scholarship recipients to meet women established in the public finance industry and learn about various career options and opportunities in public finance.

To qualify for a scholarship, the applicant must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Be a female Chicagoland resident attending college or graduate school in Fall 2021;
2. Have a minimum 3.2 GPA;
3. Exhibit leadership skills through extracurricular activities, work experience, volunteer positions and/or community service;
4. Have an interest in a career in public finance (including law, finance, accounting, public policy, banking, government and/or non-profits); and
5. Complete and submit the following:
 - a. Scholarship Application (see attached)
 - b. Essay response
 - c. Copy of transcript

d. Recommendation letter from student's academic advisor, department chair or faculty member.

Send all completed scholarship packets via e-mail in PDF format to info@chicagowpf.com no later than 5:00 P.M., Chicago/Central Time, on Friday, July 30, 2021.

Scholarship recipients will be selected by Tuesday, August 10, 2021. Proof of enrollment in the fall semester of study for 2021 must be provided to Chicago WPF before funds will be disbursed. If you have questions, please contact Chicago WPF at info@chicagowpf.com.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name	
Last Name	
Permanent Address	
City	
State	
Zip Code	
Phone	
Email	
College/Graduate School	
Major	
Expected Graduation Date	
GPA	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

(You must complete all three sections)

1. Describe your extracurricular activities and other hobbies in the order of interest to you. Include specific events and/or major accomplishments, dates of involvement and approximate hours spent per week.
2. Starting with your most recent position, please list paid jobs or volunteer internships you have held. Include employer, job title, dates of employment, approximate hours spent per week and specific events and/or major accomplishments.
3. List any community service in which you have participated. Include the name of the organization, a description of the work, dates of involvement, specific events and/or major accomplishments.

PERSONAL ESSAYS (500 words or less)

1. Describe a specific life challenge or obstacle you have had to overcome to achieve your current level of education and/or pursue your future education.
2. Describe your interest in public finance and how you plan to impact the industry.