



**Government Finance Officers Association of Texas (GFOAT)
Lynn F. Anderson Fellowship in Government Finance**

**FELLOWSHIP IN GOVERNMENT FINANCE
OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY**

OBJECTIVE – The objective of the Fellowship in Governmental Finance is to help those persons interested in local governmental finance achieve educational excellence while providing Texas cities with professional financial decision-makers.

FUNDING – The Fellowship is a \$5,000 (\$2,500 per semester) scholarship awarded for a period of one year.

STRATEGY – The strategy has been to notify as many institutions and agencies as possible in order to afford this opportunity to as many individuals as possible. During the time a recipient is receiving the Fellowship, every effort is made to include the recipient in as many GFOAT activities as possible in order to gain the maximum exposure for the recipient as well as GFOAT.

CALENDAR

Advertise and Promote – Through July

Application deadline – Must be post marked on/or before July 31

Interviews (if required) – September

Notify Recipient – no later than September 30th

Recognize Recipient – Fall and/or Spring GFOAT conference

PROCEDURE

Once the application is submitted, selection is made for eligible candidates to interview. After award of the Fellowship, appropriate documents must be transmitted to secure funds. Participation at the GFOAT Fall and Spring Conferences is also provided to recipient. See calendar for scheduling dates.

FELLOWSHIP INFORMATION

Please review the following criteria that will be used in the evaluation process by the Scholarship/Fellowship/Foundation Committee:

1. The period of the Fellowship is one year commencing with the fall semester.
2. Students enrolled part-time (less than nine graduate hours per semester) while working full-time in a city or other governmental entity will be considered; however, only after first priority has been given to full-time graduate students.
3. The amount of the Fellowship will be \$5,000, which will not be divided among multiple winners. There will be only one winner each year.
4. The winner will be required to submit periodic progress reports outlining courses taken, grades received, and special assignments completed.
5. The \$5,000 Fellowship will be provided in equal amounts at the beginning of the recipient's first two semesters.
6. Applicants must be a Texas resident prior to receiving any Fellowship money and must be accepted to attend a Texas University or College.



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GFOAT

The Government Finance Officers Association of Texas (GFOAT) is an association whose objectives include the professional practice of governmental financial management through sponsorship of educational opportunities for its members. GFOAT seeks to represent its membership by active study of the problems of financial management and by the encouragement of high professional standards.

Although not formally affiliated with the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, the GFOAT shares many of the goals. Whereas the GFOAT seeks to extend the educational and professional opportunities to its members on a statewide level, GFOA seeks to extend the education and professional opportunities on a national and international level.

The Association's activities are controlled by a Board of Directors made up of the elected officers and the immediate past president, and is affiliated with the Texas Municipal League (TML). TML is an organization dedicated to excellence in all aspects of municipal management and is represented throughout the State.

There are currently over 900 GFOAT members throughout the State of Texas. These members hold one of four (4) types of memberships: Active, Associate, Faculty/Student or Honorary.

Continuing education is accomplished through a number of venues, including conferences, seminars, scholarships, regional meetings and the website. The continuing education training often fulfills high standards required for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and the Certified Government Finance Officer (CGFO), and other professional certifications.

The GFOAT established a foundation for the basis of awarding the Governmental Finance Fellowship to a graduate student in the area of governmental finance. This fellowship is awarded based on intent of study and future career choice. The foundation has been established by donations from various sponsors and intends to grow a significant level. In the Spring of 1987, this fellowship was formally titled the Lynn F. Anderson Fellowship and currently consists of the following members:

FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President, Charles Cox, City of Farmers Branch
Secretary/Treasurer, Steve Williams, City of Conroe
Director, Stormy Johnson/Debbie Mol
Director, Chuck Springer, Town of Prosper
Director, Laurie Brewer, City of Georgetown

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Stormy Johnson – City of Burleson, Co- Chair
Debbie Mol – City of Mesquite, Co-Chair



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PRIOR GFOAT TEXAS FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

Art Ocha', Fort Worth, Texas - 1983 SCHOLAR MPA from Texas Tech University, 1986
Mark Snodgrass, Corpus Christi, Texas – 1984 SCHOLAR MPA, University of Texas at San Antonio, May 1987
Reta Keele Day, Dallas, Texas – 1985 SCHOLAR MPA, North Texas State University, Denton, 1988
Kimberly Edwards, Austin, Texas – 1986 SCHOLAR MPA, LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin, 1998
Lucille Montondon, Houston, Texas – 1986 SCHOLAR (Partial Funding) PhD. in Accounting, University of Houston, 1986
Michael Webb, Denton, Texas – 1987 SCHOLAR MPA, North Texas State University, Denton, 1988
Teresa Quezada-Torres, El Paso, Texas – 1988 SCHOLAR MPA, University of Texas at El Paso, 1989
Marilu Hastings, Austin, Texas – 1989 SCHOLAR MPA, University of Texas at Austin, 1990
Marcus Johnston, Levelland, Texas – 1990 SCHOLAR MPA, Texas Tech University, 1991
Kent Pfeil, Denton, Texas – 1991 SCHOLAR MPA, University of North Texas, 1992
Mac Coffield, College Station – 1992 SCHOLAR MPA, Texas A&M University, 1993
Andrew Wayman, Denton, Texas – 1993 SCHOLAR MPA, University of North Texas, 1994
Kelly Trombly, Houston, Texas – 1994 SCHOLAR MPA, University of Houston, 1995
Chris Molison, Houston, Texas – 1995 SCHOLAR MPA, University of Houston, 1996
Angela Gray, Austin, Texas – 1996 SCHOLAR MPA, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcus
Michael Scott, Dallas, Texas – 1996 SCHOLAR MPA, University of North Texas, 1997
Steven Perry, Lewisville, Texas – 1997 SCHOLAR 1997-98 Graduate Studies-MPA, University of North Texas, 1998
Michael E. Hall, Lubbock, Texas – 1998 SCHOLAR 1998-99 Graduate Studies, Texas Tech University
James Rodney Gonzales, San Marcus, Texas – 1999 SCHOLAR 1999-00 Graduate Studies, Southwest Texas State University
Shelley Goodnight, Lubbock, Texas – 2000 SCHOLAR 2000-01 Graduate Studies-MBA, Wayland Baptist University
Karin Herrmann, Richardson, Texas – 2001 SCHOLAR Graduate Studies-MPA, University of North Texas
Eric Olmedo, Carrollton, Texas – 2002 SCHOLAR Graduate Studies-MPA, University of North Texas
Kathleen Coats Cervenka – 2003 SCHOLAR MPA, University of North Texas
Jennifer Ashenart-Hawkins, The Colony, Texas – 2004 SCHOLAR MPA, University of North Texas
Mark Jackson, Denton, Texas – 2005 SCHOLAR MPA, University of North Texas
Rachel Smithson, Baytown, Texas – 2006 SCHOLAR MPA, University of North Texas
Cynthia Henry, Denton, Texas – 2007 SCHOLAR MPA, University of North Texas
Michael Aguilera, Denton, Texas – 2008 SCHOLAR MPA, University of North Texas
Luke Lybrand, Keller, Texas – 2009 SCHOLAR MPA, University of North Texas
Isaac Linton – 2010 SCHOLAR MPA, University of North Texas
Alexander Vargas – 2011 SCHOLAR MPA, University of North Texas
Cori Romashkina – 2012 SCHOLAR MPA, University of North Texas
Jonathon Hilton – 2013 SCHOLAR MPA, University of North Texas
Kathryn Williams – 2014 SCHOLAR MPA, Texas A&M
Misty Ricketts – 2015 SCHOLAR MPA, University of North Texas
Nadajalah Bennet – 2016 SCHOLAR MPA, University of North Texas
Lindsay Jacques – 2017 SCHOLAR MPA, University of North Texas



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LYNN F. ANDERSON

Professor Lynn Anderson, was known to thousands of Texas Public officials through continuing education and professional development programs he devised on their behalf, relinquished his administrative position as director of the Office of Conferences and Training at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin.

The move became effective September 1, 1990, at which time he returned to full-time teaching on the LBJ School faculty, where his special area of expertise is public financial management. From time to time he would also offer topical seminars "Focusing on State and Local Government Learning to Manage with Less."

Professor Anderson had been associated with UT Austin for more than 50 years. He began on the staff of the University's Bureau of Municipal Research in 1964, holding research positions and then the directorship. From 1950 to 1971, he was assistant director and at times acting director of the Institute of Public Affairs, which succeeded the bureau and then later merged into the operation of the LBJ School. Professor Anderson also is a former member of the Finance and Accounting Department in the UT Austin College of Business Administration.

As director of the LBJ School's Office of Conferences and Training, Professor Anderson would annually arranged more than a dozen conferences, seminars and institutes for about 1,000 public officials on subjects ranging from public purchasing to county auditing and from government finance to improving the effectiveness of state boards. Participants came from the Governor's Office and the Texas Legislature, as well as from a variety of city, county and state agencies.

In 1982, he was named winner of the first "Career Development in Financial Management Award", given by the Municipal Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada for excellence in in-service training and professional development of public finance officers.

For more than two decades Professor Anderson edited the periodical Public Affairs Comment. He served on numerous advisory and study commissions at national, state and local levels. For several years, he was on the National Council on Governmental Accounting, the national body which developed recognized standards of accounting and financial reporting for state and local government in the United States. The native Texan earned two degrees for UT Austin.

Honors/Awards:

- Annual Award for Outstanding Achievement, Austin Society for Public Administration, April 22, 1976.
- Career Development in Financial Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada, New Orleans, LA, May 24, 1982.
- ICMA Academic Award in Memory of Stephen B. Sweeny, 1987, Montreal, Canada, October 1987.



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Application

I. Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tele #: _____ Email: _____

II. Education

Institution	City/State	Mo/Yr Grad	Degree/Major

Total of number of Financial Management hours earned (Accounting, Finance and other business related classes) _____

III. Work Experience (List in chronological order)

Mo/Yr-Mo/Yr	Employer	Title	Duties
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Applicant's Name: _____

IV. Recognition and Honors

School (include academic honors): _____

Community, Volunteer & Other Service Activities: _____

Professional/Other: _____

V. Additional Information Required

1. Official transcript of all college work, showing graduate and undergraduate degrees, courses, credits, and grades must accompany this application.
2. This application and resume should be forwarded with a letter of transmittal (on page 8) explaining why you want to enter the financial management field, reasons for selecting the particular school you have chosen, your commitment to the profession and why you believe you should be considered for this fellowship.
3. Each applicant must secure an endorsement from two individuals. These endorsements must be received from any 2 of the following persons: (a) Dean of appropriate school, (b) Professor of senior undergraduate class or graduate class, or (c) immediate supervisor or chief executive officer at a place of employment. Each endorsement must specify (a) the relationship between the applicant and the endorser and (b) the qualities of the applicant which, in the opinion of the endorser, uniquely qualifies the applicant for consideration of the fellowship. See page 10.
4. Complete check list, page 9.

VI. Other

Please answer the following questions:

How did you hear about this fellowship?

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Colleague | <input type="checkbox"/> GFOAT Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employer | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Instructor | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |



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Applicant's Name: _____

Have you applied for a GFOAT scholarship/fellowship before?

Yes When _____ Name of Scholarship _____

No

Are you a previous GFOAT scholarship/fellowship recipient?

Yes When _____ Name of Scholarship _____

No

Please print and sign this application: _____ Date _____



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Transmittal Letter

Applicant's Name: _____

1) Please explain why you want to enter the financial management field:

2) List the reasons for selecting the particular school you have chosen:

3) Explain your commitment to the profession as it relates to financial management:

4) Explain why you believe you should be considered for this fellowship:

(You may attach additional pages if necessary.)



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CHECK LIST FOR GFOAT SCHOLARSHIP/FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

- Completed pages 5 and 6 of application.
- Page 7 of application is signed and dated.
- Letter of transmittal (page 8) is completed.
- Resume is attached
- Official transcripts are included.
- Letter of acceptance to a particular college (Part V).

Award notification will be provided within 30 days after due date.
Please contact Debbie Mol at 972-216-6287 or Stormy Johnson at 817-426-9652 with any questions.

APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE **JULY 31** TO:

dmol@cityofmesquite.com

or

sjohnson@burlesontx.com



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Endorsement Letter

Applicant's Name: _____

The application above is applying for a Graduate Fellowship for the GFOAT. You have been selected to provide the following responses regarding your knowledge and experiences regarding this applicant. Please complete the following with as much information as you may. The GFOAT committee will review this information during the review process.

Please explain your relationship with applicant: _____

Please explain the applicant's qualities which, in your opinion, uniquely qualifies this applicant for consideration for the fellowship: _____

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

Endorser Name: _____ (printed) Signature: _____

Title: _____ Tele#: _____ Date: _____

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