

Women in Public Finance Scholarship Programs 2024



Founded in 1997, Women in Public Finance or WPF (www.wpfc.com) is a national organization that advances leadership opportunities for women by fostering relationships through networking and providing educational activities and forums for women that work in the municipal bond industry. Today, WPF has 23 chapters across the United States, 9 of which offer annual scholarships.

In 2023, WPF and its chapters awarded \$64,500 in scholarships to women pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in finance.

General Qualifications:

- 1) Identify as a woman;
- 2) Plan to be enrolled in an institute of higher education for 2024/2025 school year or plan to take an industry specific exam in between fall 2024 and spring/summer of 2025;
- 3) Have an interest in pursuing a public/municipal finance related career, which may include professionals in accounting, finance, banking, government, non-profit, or law;
- 4) If applying for a scholarship to support higher education, applicants must demonstrate good academic standing; and
- 5) All applicants must exhibit leadership skills through extracurricular activities, work experience, volunteer positions and/or community service.

Chapter Application Links and Due Dates:

Chapter scholarships are awarded by the chapter level scholarship committees and boards. The scholarships vary in number and size from \$1,000-\$3,500 and are subject to change year to year. Certain chapters do have residency requirements for their applicants, noted below.

Texas Chapter...April 19, 2024 (11:59pm CDT)

Must be a Texas resident and enrolled in or attending a college, university or graduate school

<https://txwfp.com/scholarship-application>

Boston Chapter...May 1, 2024 (11:59pm EDT)

Must be enrolled in a college or university

<https://bwfp.memberclicks.net/scholarship>

Florida Chapter...May 31, 2024 (11:59pm EDT)

Must be enrolled in a college or university in Florida

<https://floridawfp.com/scholarship>

Virginia Chapter...May 31, 2024

Must be enrolled in a college or university in Virginia or Washington DC with sophomore standing or higher

<https://virginiawfp.com/scholarship>

Minnesota Chapter...June 1, 2024

Must graduate from a Minnesota high school in 2024 or will attend a Minnesota higher education institution in the fall of 2024

<https://mnwfp.com/scholarship>

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Los Angeles Chapter...June 30, 2024 (6:00pm PDT)

Must live in or be enrolled in a college or university in Southern California

<https://losangeleswpf.com/scholarship>

Chicago Chapter...June 30, 2024

Must live in greater Chicagoland area and be enrolled in a college or university in Illinois

<https://chicagowpf.com/scholarships>

Indiana Chapter...TBD

Must be a permanent Indiana resident enrolled in a college or university with junior standing or higher

<https://inwpf.com/scholarship>

National Application Link and Due Date:

<https://wpfc.com/scholarship>

Due Date: June 30

In 2023, WPF National awarded \$15,000 to 5 winners. The first-place winner received \$5,000 and the remaining 4 winners received \$2,500 each.

New for 2024: All chapter scholarship winners are automatically entered into the pool of candidates for the WPF National scholarship awards.

Selection Criteria:

While the selection criteria vary a bit between the chapters as well as national, our scoring is generally a weighted average of academic performance, extracurricular activities/service/work experience, interest in finance and your responses to the essay questions included in the application.

Applicants do not need to prove financial need to receive the WPF scholarships.