ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS
LOS ANGELES CIVIC CENTER CHAPTER

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

Award: The AGA- LA Civic Center Chapter Scholarship is available for award to two junior or senior undergraduate students enrolled in full-time college study. The goal of this scholarship program is to encourage students to graduate with a Bachelor degree in accounting, finance or a related discipline and to promote the pursuit of public financial management careers.

Two Scholarship Awards: $1,000 for each award

Due Date for Scholarship Application: October 15, 2010 (Friday)

Award Announcement: October 25, 2010

Eligibility Requirements:

- All candidates must be at least a junior at the beginning of Fall 2010 semester at either a university or community college in California. This scholarship is offered to junior and senior undergraduate students enrolled in full-time college study in accounting, finance, economics, public administration, business management, marketing, and information systems.
- Citizen or Permanent Resident of United States
- Student is not a past recipient of a scholarship program administered by AGA. The notified recipients are requested to be present during the scholarship presentation on November 3, 2010. Recipients will receive invites to join special events, monthly training sessions (no cost), opportunity to be in our Newsletter, and free AGA membership to the top five (5) candidates.
- Letter of Recommendation from an academic advisor, current professor, or department chair (Optional)

Criteria for Scholarship Award:

- One page essay describing briefly your career plans plus two paragraphs or more on "Why you think it is important for you, accountants/ financial managers/ administrators to consider public service as a career?" Essay should be at least one whole page, not to exceed one-and-a half page, double-spaced, with a12-font size.
- Strength of past coursework and present plan of study; When there is a tie or an equal score between two or more candidates, the candidate's letter(s) of recommendation, extra-curricular activities/honors/awards/work experiences/ internships will be considered accordingly.
- A favorite case study/ school project writing/ article (at least two pages, double-spaced, with a12-font size)
- Grade point average (cumulative GPA)

Application:

Applicants must submit the following documents for consideration by the Scholarship Committee:

- **Application form with** an attached **copy of your** current Student **Photo** ID or Driver's License
- **Essay** of proposed career plans and two or more paragraphs on "Why you think it is important for you, accountants/ financial managers/administrators to consider a public service as a career?"
- **Undergraduate official grade transcripts** (with school stamp or authorized signature)
- **Article about a favorite college project/ graded report/ case study/ an essay assignment (Section F)**
- **(Optional) Letter of recommendation** from an academic advisor, current professor or department chair

All of the above items are to be mailed by the applicant in a single envelope, postmarked no later than October 15, 2010 to:

Association of Government Accountants (AGA) - LA Civic Center Chapter
C/o John Equina and Samitha Wijayaratne, AGA Scholarship
17030 Index Street; Granada Hills, CA 91344

The Scholarship Committee will review all applications and make an award if it determines that the candidates have met all of the criteria. The decision shall be final and the applicants will be notified in writing on October 25, 2010. The selected recipients will be awarded and invited to attend the Annual Professional Development Conference on November 3, 2010 in Los Angeles, California, where the scholarship award will be presented. For questions or more information, please e-mail (see Page 2) or contact Samitha at (213) 978-0954 or Juanita at (909) 569-2374.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please PRINT clearly in Sections A thru E.

Section A: Student's Personal Information. Please attach a copy of your Photo ID.

Last Name _____ **First Name** _____ **Middle Initial** ____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ **E-Mail Address** _____

Cell Phone # _____ **Country of citizenship or permanent residence:** _____

Birthday (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ **Hobbies/Talents:** _____

Section B: Academic Undergraduate Information

Current School/Location _____

Major/Minor _____

Dates _____

Other School /Location _____

Major/Minor _____

Dates _____

Anticipated Date of Graduation _____

Section C: Please attach official transcripts.

School _____ **Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)** _____

Section D: Attached Essay (not to exceed 1 ½ pages, typed double-spaced, with a12-point font size): Describe your career plans and state in two or more paragraphs "Why you think it is important for you, accountants/ financial managers/ administrators to consider public service as a career?"

Section E: ***Accounting/ Finance Seminars/ Conferences Attended*** (If you have attended any seminar/conference in accounting/ finance/budgeting, please list the course title, organization's name, and the certified dates of attendance during the past two years only.)

Course, Organization, and Date(s) of Attendance **Course, Organization, and Date(s) of Attendance**

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(Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)

School Activities, Awards and Honors (List major school activities in which you participated during the past three years, including any offices you held. (Examples: school clubs, student government, volunteer work, sports, etc.)

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(Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)

Internships or Work Experiences (List Employer/Address, Position, Dates Employed during the past three years.)

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(Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)

Section F: Opportunity to Share your Article and Have it Published in our Newsletter

Submit your favorite college work/ graded report/essay with your Application. Your article must be at least two pages, not to exceed 5-pages, typed double-spaced, with a 12-font size. You may summarize your article to 2 to 5 pages. Please include bibliography and references.

You also get an opportunity to have your essay considered for publishing in AGA Newsletter. The article might be summarized to fit in with the space consideration. **Do you concur? Yes ___ No ___**

Section G: Certification

I hereby certify that the information provided on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

_____ Date: _____ _____ Date:_____

Applicant's signature Parent/ Guardian's signature

*****For questions or more information, please contact both AGA chairpersons and/or leave a message.***

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Juanita Inton : e-mail address: solidarity1234@hotmail.com Tel#: (909) 569-2374

*****Please mail your completed Application (with Transcripts/Essay/Photo/Article) by October 15, 2010 or earlier.***

Incomplete applications will not be accepted. **Thank you and Good Luck!**