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Dear Graduate Student:

The New York State Government Finance Officers' Association, Inc. (NYS GFOA) is pleased to announce its annual **Stanley M. Schoenfeld Memorial Scholarship** competition. Eligible students are those currently enrolled in a postgraduate program in public affairs/management (with a concentration in finance) at a college or university in New York State. The academic institution must be a member of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). All criteria are included with the enclosed application form. This information is also available on our web site, [www.nysgfoa.org](http://www.nysgfoa.org).

Full and part time students are eligible for this award. There is no limit on the number of students that can apply from the same school. Each applicant should have a superior academic record, show promise of completion of his or her graduate program at a high level of performance, and provide evidence of intention to enter the field of public administration.

In addition to the monetary scholarship award, and a one-year membership in NYS GFOA, the Scholarship winner will be invited as a guest of NYS GFOA to attend the Association's Annual Conference. A representative (of the winner's choosing) from the winner's academic institution is also invited to attend the conference as our guest. The winner and guest will have an opportunity to meet the Scholarship and Awards Committee members, participate in sessions, and meet finance professionals from across New York. The scholarship recipient will be asked to make a brief presentation to the conference attendees about his/her course of study and intentions for their career. The 2010 annual conference will be held March 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> at the Albany Marriott Hotel in Albany, New York.

***The Stanley M. Schoenfeld Memorial Scholarship award is \$3,000.00.*** At the Scholarship Committee's discretion, additional smaller awards amounts may be given to other highly qualified applicants.

As explained in the application, you must complete the application, provide a letter(s) of recommendation that will attest to your potential as a government finance professional, and submit all required materials to the NYS GFOA office by the deadline of **February 26, 2010**.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 518-465-1512 or via email at ryan@nysgfoa.org.

On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, thank you for your interest. We look forward to receiving an application from you.

Sincerely,

*Maura K. Ryan*

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Executive Director

Enclosures

**NYS GFOA Stanley M. Schoenfeld Memorial Scholarship Committee**

Chair, Kathleen Saville, Comptroller, Town of Ogden (*2002 winner*)

Jeff Smith, President, Municipal Solutions, Inc.

Alan Gurien, Vice President for Finance, Nassau Community College

John Gardell, Vice President, The Bank of New York

John Savash, II, Assistant Professor of Accounting, Elmira College

Ex Officio members:

NYS GFOA President, Michele Mark Levine, Director of Accounting Services, NYC Office of Management and Budget (*1992 winner*)

NYS GFOA President Elect, Alex J. McLaughlin, Comptroller, County of Broome