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***GFOA Awards Frank L. Greathouse Government Accounting Scholarship***

(Chicago, Illinois – May 15, 2017) Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has announced the recipients of its 2017 scholarships. GFOA's mission is to enhance and promote the professional management of governments. Among the ways GFOA accomplishes its mission is through education, training, and leadership.

The recipients of the two awards for the ***Frank L. Greathouse Government Accounting Scholarship*** are **Hannah F. Chu and Magali Moralez**. Each will receive **\$9,000**.

**Hannah F. Chu** will graduate in May 2018 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a concentration in Accounting from California State University, Sacramento, California. She presently serves as a Student Auditor with the State of California Franchise Tax Board. In this position, Hannah analyzes assessment information and works directly with taxpayers to resolve audit disputes. Prior to obtaining her current position, Hannah worked as a Student Assistant with the State Board of Equalization where she worked alongside the Chief Legal Counsel and top attorneys on various tax appeal cases. Hannah plans to pursue a Master in Accountancy degree and work toward obtaining the Certified Fraud Examiner and Certified in Financial Forensics credentials, with the goal of achieving a Forensic Accountant position with the state or federal government.

- **Magali Moralez** will graduate in August 2017 with a Bachelor of Business Administration/Master of Professional Accounting degree from West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas. She has been working as an intern in the Accounting Department for the City of Amarillo for almost two years. Her responsibilities include preparing the monthly bank reconciliations, journal entries, and research and reconciling the daily cash deposits to the receipts. Magali is also involved in her community by volunteering with several non-profits in the Amarillo and Canyon area. Her goals include becoming a Certified Public Accountant and obtaining full-time employment as an Accountant with the City of Amarillo or another local government.

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The Frank L. Greathouse Government Accounting Scholarship is available for award to one or more undergraduate or graduate students enrolled in full-time study preparing for a career in state and local government finance. The winners of the scholarship are invited to attend GFOA's Annual Conference, where the awards will be presented. This scholarship is funded by Government Finance Officers Association.

**The eligibility requirements for the award include:**

- Currently a full-time student in an undergraduate or graduate accounting program preparing for a career in state and local government finance.
- Undergraduate students must be in the process of completing at least their junior year by the time the scholarship is awarded.
- Citizen or permanent resident of the United States or Canada.
- Recommendation by student's academic advisor or the chair of the accounting program.
- Student has not been a past winner of a scholarship administered by Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

For more information about GFOA's scholarships, please contact Peg Hartnett, Senior Manager, at [phartnett@gfoa.org](mailto:phartnett@gfoa.org).

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