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GFOA Awards Minorities in Government Finance 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 the GFOA accomplishes its mission is through education, training, and leadership.

The recipient of the **\$9,000 Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship** is **Dora Ama Okai**, who will graduate in the spring of 2018 with an Executive Master of Business Administration degree from the University of San Francisco in California. Dora is currently a Chief Financial Officer, managing the Accounting and Finance Division in the San Francisco City Attorney’s office, City and County of San Francisco, California. Dora oversees the planning, preparing, implementing, and monitoring of all the daily financial and budgetary activities for the City Attorney’s office. She is also responsible for assuring full compliance with the myriad of local, state, and federal laws and policies governing the public law office’s fiduciary duties to its taxpayers. Dora plans to continue her employment with the City and County of San Francisco. Her goals include obtaining an executive level position, and one day to be the Controller of the City and County of San Francisco, managing their \$9 billion plus budget.

GFOA’s Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship is available for award to an upper-division undergraduate or graduate student of public administration, governmental accounting, finance, political science, economics, or business administration (with a specific focus on government or nonprofit management). The purpose of the *Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship* is to recognize outstanding performance by minority students preparing for careers in state and local government finance. The winner of the scholarship is invited to attend GFOA’s Annual Conference, where the award will be presented. This scholarship is funded by Tyler Technologies.

The eligibility requirements for the award include:

- Currently a full- or part-time upper-division undergraduate or graduate student in public administration, governmental accounting, finance, political science, economics, or business administration (with a specific focus on government or nonprofit management).
- Belong to one of the following groups (as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau): Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, Hispanic or Latino.
- Citizen or permanent resident of the United States or Canada.
- Recommendation by student's academic advisor, department chair (undergraduate students), or dean of the graduate program (graduate students).
- 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.

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