Women in Public Finance Los Angeles (WPFLA) is a chapter of a national organization, called Women in Public Finance, which seeks to advance women's leadership opportunities by fostering relationships and providing educational activities and forums. Participants include state and local government issuers, not-for-profit issuers, investment bankers, attorneys, financial advisors, rating agency analysts, trust officers, and municipal market investors.

Women in Public Finance Los Angeles Chapter is a non-profit, educational, and professional networking organization for women in the public finance industry. Governed by a board of directors representing the areas of finance, banking and law, the organization also sponsors a variety of philanthropic events in support of women.

What is Public Finance?
Public finance generally refers to how governments raise and spend money. Individuals who work in public finance help governments at all levels—national, state, and local—obtain the necessary financial resources to pay for certain services and building projects, including but not limited to, schools, roads, parks, water, police and fire protection, libraries, and health care.

Achievement Scholarship Overview
Women in Public Finance Los Angeles operates a scholarship program that provides, annually, two recipients with an Award and Scholarship in an amount of $1,500 and $1,000. The purpose of the Women in Public Finance scholarship program is to:

1) Recognize college-bound, female high school seniors who have exhibited scholastic achievement (preferably with an established aptitude in mathematics) and demonstrated leadership skills;
2) Encourage the consideration of careers in finance and, more specifically, public finance; and
3) Provide an opportunity for award recipients to meet women established in the public finance industry and learn about various career options and opportunities available to them.

Application
To qualify and apply for the Scholarship, the applicant must, at a minimum:
1) Be a female, college-bound high school student who entered her senior year in the fall of 2014
2) Reside in Los Angeles County or surrounding Counties (Ventura, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino)
3) Have at least a 3.0 GPA, or equivalent;
4) Exhibit leadership skills through extracurricular activities, volunteer positions, and/or work experience;
5) Have an interest in pursuing a public finance related career in finance, government, nonprofits, or law; and
6) Complete and submit the 2015 Achievement Scholarship application form, the required essays and a photocopy of your most recent unofficial high school transcript VIA E-MAIL to carmenbvargas@yahoo.com so that the application is RECEIVED no later than 11:59 pm PDT on May 4, 2015.

Selection and Recognition
Women in Public Finance Los Angeles Chapter will select two recipients based on the qualifications of the candidate as demonstrated by the completed application and submitted essay. One recipient will be awarded a Scholarship in an amount of $1,500 and one recipient will be awarded a Scholarship in the amount of $1,000. The scholarship will be in the form of a check payable to the award recipient. Award recipients, along with a parent, guardian, or teacher, will be invited to accept the Scholarship at the Women in Public Finance Los Angeles Chapter June meeting (date to be determined) (Note: Attendance at the June meeting is not required to receive the Scholarship). Women in Public Finance Los Angeles may also elect to conduct phone interviews as part of the selection process.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 19, 2015 and a list of all winners will be posted on the WPFLA website http://www.losangeleswpf.com
Please type or print all responses and attach a photocopy of your unofficial school transcript to your application. While typed responses are preferred, neatly handwritten responses will be accepted.

Date:
Name:                                      Age:
High School:                                Grade:
Home Address:                               City State:
Zip: Home Phone:                            Email Address (if any):

Extracurricular Activities. Describe your extracurricular, community, and other activities or hobbies in the order of interest to you. Include specific events and/or major accomplishments such as musical instrument played, varsity letters earned, etc. Attach additional sheets if necessary and include your name and address on each sheet.

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Work Experience. Please list paid jobs or volunteer internships you have held including summer employment, if any. Attach additional sheets if necessary and include your name and address on each sheet.

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YOU MAY PROVIDE A COPY OF THE RESUME YOU HAVE PREPARED AS PART OF THE COMMON APPLICATION IN SUBSTITUTION FOR THE FOREGOING

Please describe your interest in pursuing a finance-related career working with government or nonprofits and why this is a career path that interests you.
Personal Essay. Please write a personal essay on one of the options listed below (maximum 500 words). Indicate your selected option by checking the appropriate box next to it. This personal essay helps us become acquainted with you as a person, apart from courses, grades, and other objective data. It will also demonstrate your ability to organize your thoughts and express yourself.

☐ Option 1: Describe a goal you set for yourself and achieved. Explain how you achieved it.

☐ Option 2: Evaluate an experience, achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you. If applicable, describe how your actions or decisions impacted the community, your school, family or peer group.

☐ Option 3: Describe your favorite subject(s) in school and explain why the subject(s) is (are) your favorite and how that may benefit you in a career in public finance.

Attach your application, transcript and essay to your email. Please include your name and address on each individual attachment.

Disclaimer: Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their submissions are complete and are received by midnight EDT on the deadline date. Women in Public Finance will not consider applications that are submitted by means other than electronic submission to carmenbvargas@yahoo.com, that are incomplete or that arrive late, regardless of the reason.

Protecting Your Privacy

Women in Public Finance Los Angeles WPFLA, maintains the highest level of confidentiality with respect to your scholarship application information. WPFLA does not sell, trade, or exchange your scholarship application information. Scholarship application visitors to the WPFLA website are not tracked in any way by WPFLA. From time to time, the names of scholarship recipients may be listed in press releases and on the WPFLA website. WPFLA, however, will only use the name of a scholarship recipient after receiving the scholarship recipient’s permission.