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GFOA Awards 2023 Scholarships

(Chicago, Illinois – April 12, 2023) Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has announced the recipients of its 2023 scholarships. GFOA's mission is to promote excellence in state and local government financial management and the awarding of scholarships is one of the ways GFOA accomplishes its mission.

The recipient of the **\$20,000 Goldberg-Miller Public Finance Scholarship** is **Kelly Diaz**.

- [Kelly Diaz](#), Deputy Policy Analyst, County of Delaware, Folsom, Pennsylvania

The recipients of the two awards for the **Frank L. Greathouse Government Accounting Scholarship** are **Kimber Eden** and **Matthew Williams**. Each will receive \$10,000.

- [Kimber Eden](#), Accountant II, Liberty County Board of Commissioners, Macon, Georgia
- [Matthew Williams](#), Student, Senior, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa

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The recipient of the **\$10,000 Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship** is **Jesus Gimenez**.

- [Jesus Gimenez](#), Business Manager, Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, North Carolina

The recipients of the four awards for the **Government Finance Professional Development Scholarship** are **Claria Cabrera, Joshua Diaz, Jennifer Jamison, and Koby Starman**. Each will receive **\$10,000**.

- [Claria Cabrera](#), Budget Analyst, City of Inglewood, Inglewood, California
- [Joshua James Dela Cruz Diaz](#), Auditor II, City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii
- [Jennifer Jamison](#), CFO/Board Secretary & Treasurer, Ankeny Community School District, Ankeny, Iowa
- [Koby Starman](#), Senior Accountant, Ada County, Boise, Idaho

The recipients of three awards for the **Jeffrey L. Esser Career Development Scholarship** are **Mariana O'Neill, Heather Kelly, and Frank Magneri**. Each will receive **\$8,000**.

- [Mariana O'Neill](#), CFO, Teton County Fire Protection District, Teton Valley, Idaho
- [Heather Kelly](#), Accountant I, Solid Waste Authority of PBC, West Palm Beach, Florida
- [Frank Magneri](#), Budget Director, Town of Fairfield, Fairfield, Connecticut

The recipients were selected by a committee composed of members from GFOA's Executive Board. Award recipients will be recognized at GFOA's 117th Annual Conference, May 21–24, 2023, at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon.

Applications for GFOA's 2024 academic scholarships will open in November 2023. For more information about GFOA's academic scholarships, [click here](#).

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