

***Financial Services Coalition-Puget Sound Charitable Foundation***  
**2016 Scholarship Fund**  
**AWARD GUIDELINES**

The Financial Services Coalition – Puget Sound Charitable Foundation (“FSC-PS” or “Foundation”) is a tax exempt 501(c) (3) organization and an independent body of the Urban Financial Services Coalition – Puget Sound (“UFSC-PS”) Chapter. The Foundation was established to support the educational and community activities of the UFSC-PS as the primary source of scholarship funds and community grants for the organization with the objective of encouraging and assisting minorities in entering and advancing their careers in the financial services industry.

**Purpose:**

The FSC-PS Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund was established to provide financial assistance to minority students attending an accredited college or university and pursuing an Undergraduate or Advanced Degree (Graduate or Ph.D.) in Finance or Business or related financial services disciplines. Scholarships will be awarded annually (at the FSC-PS Charitable Foundation and UFSC-PS Chapter Scholarships and Awards Dinner), based on availability of capital in the scholarship fund and number of qualified applicants.

***Please note:***

- This scholarship is a non- recurring award for each degree program.
- This scholarship must be used within the 12-month period of the upcoming academic year.
- Applications must be submitted by Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Award Criteria:**

- Current and previous transcripts - minimum GPA: 3.0
- Major course work – Business related (i.e., finance, accounting, economics, business, management, business administration, marketing, business law, MIS, technology management, real estate services, insurance, etc.)
- Acceptance letter from accredited college or university and registration invoice or Bursar’s receipt
- Reference Letter – All applicants are required to provide a signed letter of reference from a teacher or school official, community representative or current/previous employer. This letter should expound on the applicant’s demonstrated ability in academics, extracurricular activities, character and leadership (on letterhead, one page maximum). The reference letter can be emailed from the referee directly to UFSC-PS Chapter Scholarship & Mentoring Committee Chair.
- Candidate must submit a 400 - 500 word essay on “Excellence in Leadership – How Do You Personally Exemplify the Quality?”

**Scholarship Candidates will be selected based on ranking in the following areas:**

**Leadership:** Candidates should be able to demonstrate character and leadership skills through their involvement in community organizations and/or through their place of employment.

**Career Goals:** Preference will be given to those candidates electing to pursue a career in business, financial services or a related industry. The candidate’s curriculum should reflect the stated career goal.

**Essay:** Candidates will be judged on written communications skills.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Tel. #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Tel. #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ (attach current/previous school transcript)

Major GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

- List all extracurricular activities or community involvement.

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- List all local or national community activities with dates.

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- List future educational and/or career goals.

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- Include any additional comments for the Scholarship & Mentoring Committee Chair.

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- \* **Please attach current resume, acceptance letter from college, registration invoice or Bursar's receipt, reference letter and the "Excellence in Leadership" essay to this scholarship application form. You may use an additional page, if necessary.**

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**Submission**

Students may submit all documents by email (scanned version of the following documents is accepted: acceptance letter, registration invoice or Bursar's receipt, transcripts). The reference letter, if sent by email, must be sent from the author of the letter directly to UFSC. Resume, essay and scholarship applications may be emailed from the student.

Students may also submit all their application documents by regular mail. A copy of the acceptance letter, registration invoice or Bursar's receipt, and transcript is accepted (originals not required). The reference letter must be signed. Note that all documents **must** be received by Saturday, **May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016**.

Submit all documents to:

Urban Financial Services Coalition – Puget Sound Chapter  
Attn: Scholarship & Mentoring Committee Chair  
3518 Fremont Avenue N #350  
Seattle, WA 98103.  
[scholarship@ufscps.org](mailto:scholarship@ufscps.org)

**Nondiscriminatory Policy**

Financial Services Coalition – Puget Sound Charitable Foundation is committed to recruiting, supporting, and fostering a diverse community of outstanding administration, members, and students. The Foundation does not discriminate on the basis of gender, marital status, pregnancy, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, veteran status, or other legally protected characteristic in any student program or activity administered by the association or with regard to admission, membership, or contracted compensation.