

State Farm[®] Financial Services

Scholarship Rules

The *State Farm[®] Financial Services Scholarship* is available to master and doctorate degree students performing research on financial analysis, investment management or corporate finance as they relate mitigating the effects of, responding to or recovery from natural disasters, subject to the requirements listed below. Award of the scholarship is at the sole discretion of the Scholarship Committee and their decision is final.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Before the start of the proposed period of study (but not necessarily at the time of application), the applicant must possess a bachelor's degree from a higher education institution which is accredited by the responsible regional or national agency.
2. At the time of acceptance of the scholarship (but not necessarily at the time of application), the applicant must be accepted for graduate study at a college or university in a financial analysis, investment management or corporate finance program.
3. The proposed faculty member who will direct the applicant's graduate study during the year in which the scholarship is applied for and awarded must complete and return an appraisal of the student's capabilities as part of the application process. This faculty advisor must take responsibility for guiding the student's research program and must ensure the student meets the requirements of the scholarship by preparing and presenting a poster at the FLASH Annual Conference during the year scholarship is awarded.
4. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that the entire application package has been received by FLASH prior to the application deadline. The application package must include:
 - a. A fully-completed application form. The applicant must respond to all questions on the application form. Do not attach additional sheets. Responses must be typewritten.
 - b. Unofficial transcripts of undergraduate and graduate records.
 - c. A statement of appraisal and agreement to direct the applicant's graduate research program from the proposed faculty advisor.

These items shall constitute the "application package." The application package shall be transmitted to Tim Smail (tim@flash.org) at FLASH in an electronic zipped folder titled as follows by the end of the business day on **May 15, 2016**:

- *lastname_scholarshipname_2016* (i.e. *smail_StateFarm_2016*)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Announcement

The official announcement of the award will be made by the end of May. The awardee, however, will be notified as soon as possible after selection.

Payments

The \$1,500 award will be presented to the scholarship recipient after the official announcement. The scholarship recipient may use the scholarship award only for project-related expenditures that include tuition, room and board, research expenses and/or reasonable travel expenses associated with presentation of research at the FLASH Annual Conference.

Attendance at the 2017 FLASH Annual Conference (Tentatively scheduled for March 2017 in Atlanta, GA) for in-person presentation of the research in poster or presentation format is required as part of the scholarship award criteria.

Reports

The student, with the assistance of the faculty advisor must prepare a poster for the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes Annual Conference during the year which the scholarship was awarded, attend the Conference and present their research during the specified session.

All required information and questions should be directed towards:

Tim Smail

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