



# MPA Alumni Scholarships

AWARDS FOR QUALIFIED FULL-TIME MPA STUDENTS  
*Review of applications occurs January 1, June 1, and August 1.*

## Why apply for an Alumni Scholarship?

- Receive up to \$1,000 toward tuition and fees for two semesters (awards may be renewed on reapplication);
- Non residents qualify for in-state tuition for the period of the award;
- Enroll full-time (9 hours per semester) in PADM courses and complete the MPA degree in two years (5 semesters).

## Who should apply for an Alumni Scholarship?

- New students should have at least a 3.00 undergraduate grade point average and excellent GRE scores;
- Current MPA students must have a GPA of 3.70 or better on at least 9 but not more than 24 graduate hours;
- Both new and current students must have excellent letters of recommendation and demonstrate a commitment to a career in public service.

## Why are they called MPA Alumni Scholarships?

Funding for these scholarships is provided by the generosity of many alumni and friends of the MPA program. The Public Administration Advisory Board conducts an annual fund raising campaign among alumni and hosts a golf tournament to replenish funds for this and other scholarships.

## What career opportunities does an MPA degree open up?

Graduates with an MPA degree pursue such careers as a

- city or county manager
- emergency manager
- director of economic development
- director of volunteer services
- budget or personnel analyst
- legislative assistant
- Presidential Management Fellow
- press secretary or public information officer
- analyst for a consulting firm.

## Other Scholarships Available to Qualified MPA Students

### E. Ray Griffin Scholar

Each year, one MPA Alumni Scholar is selected by the faculty as the E. Ray Griffin Scholar. In addition to the \$2,000 Alumni award, the Griffin Scholar receives approximately \$1,000 from an endowment for use toward tuition and fees. Dr. Griffin taught at UNT from 1947 to 1982 and was instrumental in the MPA program's creation in 1961. He is noted for his contributions to municipal management students. Established in 1995 by his former students, the E. Ray Griffin Endowed Scholarship recognizes the many contributions of this teacher and mentor. Selection of the E. Ray Griffin Scholar is made by nomination of the faculty in the Department of Public Administration from the list of current and recent MPA Alumni Scholars.

1996-97 Cori Sue Wilson-Smith ('99)	1997-98 Michelle Foshee-Kempson ('00)
1998-99 Willie Watson ('99)	1999-00 Michael Villeneuve ('01)
2002-03 Lawrence Bryant ('03)	2005-06 Ray Misomali ('06)
2006-07 Dina Colarossi ('12)	2007-08 Gabe Reaume ('09)
2008-09 Michael Gilchrist ('09)	2009-10 Erin Staniszewski ('11)
2010-11 Kayce Clark ('11)	2011-12 Ann Pape ('12)
2012-13 Kate Hudson & Alora Wachholz	

### Debra Brooks Feazelle Internship Award

This endowed award was established by alumni and friends to honor Debbie Feazelle on her retirement from city government. Debbie's career spanned 28 years of service as finance director of Euless, McKinney, and La Porte, as assistant and then deputy city manager of Lubbock, and most recently as city manager of La Porte, Texas. Recipients of the Debra Brooks Feazelle Internship Award complete their 440-hour internship with a qualifying small city or nonprofit organization. The employer, if financially capable, is expected to provide a partial match to the award. Interns receive their award as hourly compensation during the duration of their employment. In the future, if growth in the endowment warrants, the award may also be used for the tuition and fees of interns while enrolled as a graduate student at UNT.

<u>Recipients</u>	<u>Internship host</u>	<u>Internship supervisor</u>
2008-09 Katie Davidson ('10)	Town of Northlake	Drew Corn ('95), Town Manager
2012-13 Chelsea Gonzalez	City of Kennedale	Bob Hart ('78), City Manager

### Charldean Newell Award

Established in 2002 on her retirement after 37 years of service to UNT by friends and former students, this award honors Dr. Newell's pioneering contributions to the study and practice of public administration. Income from this endowed account helps advance the professional opportunities for qualified MPA students. Dr. Newell retired from UNT in August 2002 as a Regents Professor of Public Administration. Approximately, \$1,000 is distributed annually to students in matching awards for travel to professional conferences or for other professional development opportunities of benefit to MPA students.



