BOLDER BANKING SCHOLARSHIP: DESCRIPTION & GUIDELINES

Founded in 2023, the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado (GSBC) Bolder Banking Scholarship is offered to member banks of its co-sponsoring bankers associations. The Bolder Banking Scholarship is designed to identify and reward community banks that are boldly serving their customers and communities through the adoption and implementation of innovative banking practices. This scholarship program is nomination based and awarded bank wide. Recipient banks then choose an employee who they deem an appropriate candidate to attend GSBC to apply the scholarship to.

Responsibilities of Recipient Bank

The scholarship must be used within three (3) calendar years from when it was awarded. For example, if the scholarship is awarded for the 2024 Annual School Session, the student must begin studies by July 2028. Banks' applicants must enroll at GSBC as a first-year student.

Recipient banks are responsible for informing GSBC of their chosen employee during the Annual School Session enrollment period (October-April annually) of the year they wish to enroll the student.

Scholarship Limitations

GSBC has two other scholarship programs. If a bank is awarded a Bolder Banking Scholarship and one of their employees has already been awarded a GSBC Future Leaders or Alumni Association Scholarship, **two scholarships for one student will not be honored. Recipient banks should choose another employee to enroll at GSBC**.

Scholarship Amount & Duration

The scholarship amount is always worth one-third of each year's full tuition and is applied to all three years' tuition. In special cases, GSBC reserves the right to revoke the scholarship if the recipient does not perform at the level expected. Specifically, scholarship funding for future sessions may be revoked in the following cases:

- The student fails to complete required projects on time.
- The student skips more than one year before completing the program. For example, if the student attended their first year in 2025, skips in 2026 and 2027, then wants to return in 2028, GSBC may revoke the scholarship.

Please direct all scholarship questions to GSBC Marketing Manager Blair Suddarth at bsuddarth@gsbcolorado.org or 720-892-6898.

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