

GPCI Scholarship Application Rubric

Question #8	0-2 Points	3-5 Points		
How are you involved with grants- or fundraising-related professional organizations on a local and/or national basis?	Applicant has little or no involvement in any grants- or fundraising-related professional organization, or any other volunteer or other organization, either locally or nationally.	Applicant has local and/or national involvement in grants- and/or fundraising-related professional organization, or other involvement in the community, etc. and cites specific examples of each.		
Question #9	0-6 Points	8-13 Points	14-20 Points	
What unique factor(s) about your career or your financial situation would you like us to consider in making this decision? (ex: financial hardship, etc.)	Factors/needs absent and/or not compelling.	Need for the scholarship with indications of personal financial or organizational constraints. Stated desire for growth or desire to support the agency's goals or community's needs.	Clear and detailed need for the scholarship due to personal financial or organizational constraints. OR Clear and detailed plan and desire for personal or professional growth. OR Clear and detailed focus to learning to better support the agency's goals or community's needs. Persuasive statement.	
Question #10	0-3 Points	4-7 Points	8-10 Points	
What is your background in the grants field? Please include relevant information about your career, including your current/previous employment, grant/peer review panels you may have served on, grants consulting work, pro-bono services you have provided, etc.	Question is not answered clearly, or very little information is provided.	Employment background is described, but little work involves, or is related to, grant writing. Any/all experience involves work peripheral to the grants field. More information relating to the benefit of the GPC is described.	Background and experience in the grants field is explained in detail. Applicant has relevant, recent and a variety of experience in the grants field and experience directly related to the grants field.	
Question #11	0-5 Points	6-10 Points	11-15 Points	16-20 Points
Why are you seeking Grant Professional Certified (GPC) credentialing and how will receiving your GPC benefit you and the organization for which you work?	Benefit to you and the organization(s) is vague or undefined, and/or the organization(s) is not described.	Some benefit to the organization(s) is described, but most benefit is to the individual; organizational benefit is weak.	Several benefits are described in detail, with some link to the benefit of the GPC to the individual applicant, as well as the organization's needs/benefits.	Several examples of the benefit of the GPC to the individual applicant are described, as well as the applicant having the intention to share the credential widely. Various benefits are described clearly that align with the organizational needs (of the

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<p>Please include a brief description of how your GPC could benefit your organization (nonprofit or other organization you work for). For self-employed applicants: Describe how the credential will benefit the organizations for which you write grants.</p>				<p>applicant's employer or consultant's clients' organizations) and/or priorities.</p>
<p>Other</p>	<p>0-4 Points</p>	<p>5-9 Points</p>	<p>10-15 Points</p>	
<p>Intangibles – In scoring this section, reviewers will take the following into consideration: the GPC exam is intended for grant professionals who have completed, and passed, the eligibility quiz. Professionals in the grants field should have the ability to craft error-free responses that not only answer the questions but persuade the reader through a well-constructed narrative.</p>	<p>Poor writing, grammatical mistakes, typos, questions were not answered, careless work, and/or one or two of the following evident, but not well represented: 1. Strong personal or organizational financial need that is especially compelling. 2. Passionate about grants work and/or the results of their grant work. 3. Well-written, no typos, misspelled or misused words or grammatical mistakes. 4. Engaging information/stories.</p>	<p>One or two mistakes and several listed intangibles represented: 1. Strong personal or organizational financial need that is especially compelling. 2. Excited about the chance to sit for the exam. 3. Passionate about grants work and/or the results of their grant work. 4. Well-written, no typos, misspelled or misused words or grammatical mistakes. 5. Engaging information/stories.</p>	<p>Well written, error-free, carefully constructed submission and several listed intangibles well represented, or one to two intangibles very strongly represented: 1. Strong personal or organizational financial need that is especially compelling. 2. Excited about the chance to sit for the exam. 3. Passionate about grants work and/or the results of their grant work. 4. Well-written, no typos, misspelled or misused words or grammatical mistakes. 5. Engaging information/stories.</p>	
<p>Totals for all 5 areas above:</p>				
			<p>Grand Total (out of 70 total points):</p>	