



What is the Academy of Finance?

Who should apply?

- Students who are considering a business-related field in college
- Students who are interested in starting their own business someday
- Students who want more information about economics, finance & careers in the business.
- Students who want to be part of a unique community that stays with the same students for at least one period a day for at least two years
- Students who are interested in the enrichment activities such as the Career Conferences, Job Shadows, Internships and Student Exchange trip to New York in Senior Year
- Students who want special scholarship opportunities the AOF and NAF support

How does a student apply?

- If you are a freshman or sophomore you can print the attached application and turn it in to Mr. Blazevic – Room N108, or Ms. Faust – Room S105.
- Additional application copies are in the counseling office.

How are students selected for the Academy of Finance? Students are selected on the following criteria:

- Student has completely filled out the application.
- Student has recommended to take one of the preliminary courses but not required.
- Those prerequisites are Computer Applications, Accounting I*, Sports Marketing*, Advertising* or Entrepreneurship*
- Student interest statement and recommendations from teachers.

What classes are students required to take as part of the Academy?

- There are two pathways:

Traditional Pathway is to join cohort and take the following classes as a group

- Junior level classes are Principles of Finance and Business Economics
- Senior level classes are Business in a Global Economy and Ethics in Business

Selective pathway is to take Principles of Finance plus 3 semesters of any of the following:

- AP Macro Economics (2 semesters), AP Computer Science (2 Semesters) or the starred prerequisite classes.
- The Selective pathway requires signing up prior to Junior year & participating in all AOF events.

What other obligations and opportunities exist for Academy of Finance students?

- Students are expected to attend Career Conferences both as Juniors and Seniors.
- Students will be eligible and expected to apply for internships between their Junior and Senior years or can turn their current job into an internship.
- Students are expected to make every effort to complete an internship between their junior & senior years
- Students are encouraged to participate in the New York exchange trip.
- Graduation from the Academy requires students to successfully complete all required courses.
- Students are eligible for scholarships supported by the National Academy Foundation and business partners as well as those sponsored by the local advisory board
- As an Academy graduate students are eligible for scholarships restricted to NAF academy graduates and to participate in the National Academy Foundation's alumni program.

All Applications must be turned in to Mr. Eric Blazevic, Room N108 or Ms. Faust, Room S105 by Friday, March 24, 2017. But Sooner The Better!

ALL STUDENTS MUST:

Attach a typed paragraph explaining why you are interested in joining AOF**



**BALLARD HIGH SCHOOL
ACADEMY OF FINANCE**



Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name and Signature: _____

Current Year in School: Graduating Class of ____ Circle Please 9th 10th 11th 12th

Demographic Info:

Gender: Male/Female/Non-Specified Race

Demographics:

African American, Caucasian, Hispanic, Native American, Asian Pacific Islander, Mixed Race,

1. Indicate whether you are currently enrolled or have completed (yes) the following classes:

Computer Applications	Yes	Currently	No
Entrepreneurship	Yes	Currently	No
Accounting I	Yes	Currently	No
Marketing I or Marketing II	Yes	Currently	No
Sports & Entertainment Marketing	Yes	Currently	No
Advertising	Yes	Currently	No
Brother/Sister that Graduated from AOF	Yes	Currently	No

2. If you have not completed any of the above classes, please indicate two faculty members that will attest to your work habits by signing and making a brief comment.

Name:		Signed:	
Comment:			

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Comment:			