BALLARD HIGH SCHOOL
ACADEMY OF FINANCE

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 to learn about economics, finance and careers in the business world
- Students who want to be part of a small 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 your counselor, 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.
- Students who apply as freshmen are given priority.
- Student has completed at least one recommended prerequisite by end or grade 10.
- Student interest statement and recommendations from teachers.
- Any exceptions must be approved by the teachers.

What classes are students required to take as part of the Academy?
- Available prerequisite classes are Computer Applications, Accounting I, Sports Marketing, Marketing 1 or 2 and Entrepreneurship
- Followed by two cohort classes per year for your junior & senior year.

What if my schedule is too full to commit to all the classes, can I still participate?
- Yes there are two pathways to be in the academy & get Academy credit:

  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 stated prerequisite classes (1 semester).
  - 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, CAQ, Case Competitions & Leadership 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 and seniors years
- Students are encouraged to participate in the New York exchange trip.
- To graduate from the Academy, students are required to successfully complete all prerequisites and core Academy courses.
- Students are eligible for scholarships supported by the National Academy Foundation, business partners as well as those sponsored by the local advisory board
- Participate in the National Academy Foundation’s alumni program.
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All Applications must be turned in to Mr. Eric Blazevic, Room N108 or Ms. Faust, Room S105 by Friday, February 28, 2020. But Sooner! The Better!

ALL STUDENTS MUST:

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

Name: _______________________________________________ Student #: __________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________

E-mail Address (Neatly written)___________________________________________________________

Zip: ______________________ Phone: ____________________________

Parent/Guardian Name and Signature: ____________________________________________________

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

Demographic Info (Please Circle):
Gender:
Male/Female/Non-Specified

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

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

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

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Most students who apply are accepted into the Academy. The form is for us to gather information that we need to report to the National Academy Foundation and to gauge interest. Names of those students will be notified in April.