Carsey/OFN Education Award

In partnership with Opportunity Finance Network (OFN), the Carsey School of Public Policy is proud to offer eligible employees and board members of OFN or OFN Member CDFIs a $2,500 Education Award to pursue a Master in Community Development Policy and Practice degree available at the University of New Hampshire’s Carsey School of Public Policy.

Eligibility

To be considered for a Carsey/OFN Education Award, applicants must:

1. Apply and be accepted to the Carsey School’s Master in Community Development Policy and Practice graduate degree program
2. Be a current employee or board member of OFN or an OFN Member CDFI
3. Submit a completed Carsey/OFN Education Award Application Form
4. Maintain active employment or board membership status with OFN or an OFN Member CDFI throughout the duration of the Education Award
5. Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher throughout the duration of the Education Award

Evaluation Criteria

- **Referee or Letter of Support**: Employees and board members of OFN or OFN Member CDFIs should either ask a supervisor (employees) or CDFI CEO (board members) to be a referee on their application to the UNH Graduate School. Alternatively, the employee/board member may provide a separate letter of support from a supervisor (employee) or CDFI CEO (board member) submitted with the Carsey/OFN Education Award Application.
- **Accepted enrollment** in the Carsey School’s Master in Community Development Policy and Practice graduate degree program at the University of New Hampshire (UNH).

Carsey Education Award Amounts

Applicants meeting the above eligibility requirements will be evaluated based upon the above criteria for consideration of a partial tuition Carsey/OFN Education Award of $2,500. The Carsey/OFN Education Award amount will be applied as follows: $1,250 to the student’s UNH account for the first summer in the program and $1,250 to the student’s UNH account for the final summer in the program.

How to Apply

Employees/board members of OFN or OFN Member CDFIs interested in being considered for a Carsey/OFN Education Award should:

1. **Submit an online application** to UNH’s Graduate School for admission to the Carsey School’s Master in Community Development Policy and Practice graduate degree program
2. **Complete the Carsey/OFN Education Award Application Form** and include a letter of support if your supervisor (employee) or CDFI CEO (board member) is not one of the three referees included in your application to the UNH Graduate School.
3. **Email the completed Carsey/OFN Education Award Application Form** (and letter of support, if required) to Carsey School Admissions: sanjeev.sharma@unh.edu