Objective
Elsie Steffany was an employee of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller). A member of our Washington Chapter, she was also a Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) and participated in activities of our Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, while on temporary assignment at Headquarters, Army Materiel Command. This award will recognize one individual who demonstrates exceptional dedication to professional development and clearly committed to public service.

Award Criteria

- Entrants must be members in good standing of the American Society of Military Comptrollers at the time of submission and selection.
- No member will be permitted to be a repeat winner.
- Nominee must submit an essay of no more than 600 words addressing the following questions:
  * Why is public service in defense financial management important to you?
  * Why is professional development and the pursuit of the CDFM certificate important to you?

How to Submit a Nomination
Essays must be submitted by 31 December to the member’s local ASMC chapter. Each ASMC chapter president may submit one nomination, from among the applications submitted and evaluated at the chapter level. Each nomination must be submitted by the chapter via the ASMC Awards Online website by the published deadline. Chapters may not edit, add to, or otherwise embellish individual applications.

Deadline
All nominations must be submitted to the local chapter by 31 December. One nomination from the chapter must be submitted by 31 January via the ASMC Awards Online website to be considered by the selection panel. If 31 January falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the deadline is the next business day. There is no exception to this deadline.

Award Selection Procedures
A selection panel, consisting of members of the Elsie Steffany Memorial Scholarship Award Committee, will make final recommendations to the ASMC National Executive Committee, who will approve the final award winner. The selection panel will include not less than four members representing a cross section of ASMC Membership. A judge must recuse him/herself if a conflict of interest exists. Judging will be based on nominee’s focus on professional development and recognition of the importance of professionalism in public service. Winners will receive email notification by 1 May and results will be posted on the ASMC website.

Recognition
The scholarship award covers the following costs:
* Enrollment for two years as a candidate in the ASMC Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) program
* CDFM Textbook
* One Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course (subject to course availability and approval of awardee’s organization)
* Three exams (one each for CDFM Module 1, Module 2, and Module 3)
* Registration to attend (subject to approval of the awardee’s organization) the ASMC National PDI, in which the scholarship award will be presented.

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