Dear [Approver Name],

I would like to request your approval to attend the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado (GSBC) Annual School Session at the University of Colorado Boulder beginning in 2024. GSBC is regarded as *America’s Premier Community Banking School*, making its three-year comprehensive banking program ideal for employees of [insert bank/organization name]. In its 70 year-plus history, the school has graduated nearly 9,000 community banking professionals, equipping them to be better leaders.

GSBC transforms community bankers into community bank *leaders* by providing the **essentials** from which a solid education is built, building **leaders** who make differences in their banks and communities and fostering **readiness** by providing the tools to think critically and act innovatively.

**Community Banking-Focused Curriculum**GSBC’s curriculum is comprised of four career tracks:

1. **Financial Management & Strategy**
2. **Innovation & Engagement**
3. **Leadership & Culture**
4. **Lending**

**Coursework**
The coursework is comprehensive and includes lectures, group discussions, case studies and peer presentations. Though my career area is [insert career area/specialty], I would gain knowledge in all four career tracks, making me a more well-rounded member of our team. As a student, I would attend three consecutive two-week school sessions in Boulder, Colorado, each July.

**Project Schedule**
As a student, I would apply classroom concepts to [insert your organization name]’s data by completing a total of six intersession projects.

First Year:

* Driving Financial Performance
* Asset Liability Management
* Peer Group Collaboration

Second Year:

* Organizational Culture
* Strategy & Risk Management
* Strategic Topic

**A Powerful Network**

GSBC students on average represent 40 states. Along with its curriculum, GSBC prioritizes its networking opportunities that will give me the chance to form mutually beneficial relationships with others. It would be an honor to ultimately join GSBC’s nationwide alumni network.

I am confident attending GSBC will advance my management and leadership skills while enhancing my ability to serve [Organization Name]. I look forward to discussing this opportunity further. If you’d like to learn more prior to our discussion, more information can be found on GSBC’s website at www.GSBColorado.org.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]