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BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

For over a century, government finance professionals have relied upon the GFOA to provide timely information, practical educational opportunities, high-quality professional publications, and the latest information on best practices. In doing so, the GFOA offers public-sector finance professionals an unparalleled opportunity to:

- obtain “how-to” instruction on a wide range of financial topics,
- enhance their technical skills,
- broaden their knowledge and deepen their expertise,
- achieve professional recognition,
- coordinate efforts with colleagues,
- develop leadership skills, and
- network with peers.

Members receive the latest information on developments in all aspects of public finance. They also enjoy many opportunities to participate in continuing professional education training that fosters their professional growth and career advancement. Naturally, members receive special discounts on GFOA products and services.

Publications and News Updates

As a major publisher, the GFOA maintains an extensive inventory of books, e-books, manuals, guides, CD-ROMs, and DVDs on government finance topics that are available for purchase, with member discounts.

Members receive the twice-monthly GFOA *Newsletter* and the GFOA's bi-monthly magazine *Government Finance Review*.

Specialty subscription newsletters are published on accounting, auditing, and financial reporting and treasury and investment management.

At www.gfoa.org, members have quick access to updated GFOA news and information. Once on the Web site, members can visit the GFOA Reference Library, which provides finance professionals with current resources including GFOA research, best practices in government finance, and links to finance-related data and related organizations.

Washington, D.C. Representation

The GFOA Federal Liaison Center in Washington, D.C. represents the interests of state and local governments on Capitol Hill and keeps the GFOA's members informed about federal legislation, regulations, judicial actions, and policies that affect all aspects of public finance. Liaison staff can be reached by e-mail at FederalLiaison@gfoa.org; by telephone at 202-393-8020; or by fax at 202-393-0780.

Expert Advice

Members can contact the GFOA's technical inquiry service during regular business hours with questions on financial management topics.

Research

The GFOA conducts ongoing research on various aspects of government finance, which members can access. The Research and Consulting Center provides research services to members on a broad range of financial policies and management practices. Responses to limited research requests are provided at no cost to members; more extensive research projects may be conducted at discounted member rates.

Consulting Services

The GFOA's Research and Consulting Center provides an array of management and technology consulting services to its members at very reasonable rates. The GFOA is the leading provider to local governments of consulting assistance for procuring financial and ERP systems.

Standing Committees

The GFOA has seven standing committees that advise the GFOA in specific areas of government finance, and develop the GFOA's public policy positions and recommended practices. The standing committees meet twice a year, and are limited to 25 GFOA members each, selected through an application process and appointed by the GFOA's President. By formulating new public policies, raising professional standards through recommended practices, and offering technological solutions, these committees provide practical information to the GFOA members on a variety of subjects.

EDUCATION

Annual Conference

Thousands of public finance professionals gather each year for this three-day conference to share ideas, develop technical and managerial skills, view new products, and network with peers from across the country and around the world. Participants can select from more than 80 concurrent sessions, discussion groups, and pre-conference training seminars to customize their own educational curriculum.

National Training Program

The GFOA regularly offers training opportunities on a host of topics in various locations across the country. They include CPE-accredited national training seminars, interactive Internet training, and live-streaming events. Courses are developed and taught by public finance specialists, and are offered at the beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels.

Advanced Government Finance Institute

Every other year the GFOA partners with the University of Wisconsin-Madison and holds a week-long program for 50 GFOA members chosen through an application process that explores emerging trends, professional and personal development tools, and selected issues in government finance.

MOTIVATION

Technical Recognition Programs

The GFOA encourages and recognizes excellence in financial reporting, budgeting, and financial management by granting awards to those governments that meet program standards. The GFOA sponsors five technical recognition programs:

- Awards for Excellence in Financial Management
- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

- Canadian Award for Financial Reporting
- Distinguished Budget Presentation Award
- Popular Annual Financial Reporting

Certification

Earning the designation of Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO) provides a well-recognized credential that verifies participants' knowledge in the main disciplines of government finance. Candidates complete a home-study based program and are required to pass examinations on each of five modules.

Annual Scholarships

The association sponsors three scholarships to recognize outstanding undergraduate and graduate students in public finance who are preparing for a career in state or local government finance.

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Membership in the GFOA is open to anyone whose career, studies, or interests involve government financial management. With nearly 17,400 members in the United States and Canada, the GFOA serves a diverse base ranging from senior executives and financial managers, to students and entry-level employees. Members work for:

- Cities, towns, and municipalities of all sizes,
- County governments,
- Schools, school districts, special districts, libraries, and public employee retirement systems,
- States and provinces,
- Federal agencies, and
- Accounting and law firms, investment banks, financial institutions, and consulting firms specializing in public finance.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Voting

- **Active Member:** Practicing public finance professional from a government unit. Each government unit is automatically assigned a specific number of active members based upon size, which is included in the base membership fee.
- **Additional Active Member:** Practicing public finance professional from a government unit above those included in the base membership fee.

Non-Voting

- **Associate:** Individuals interested in public finance but practicing in the private sector. Includes accounting and law firms, investment banks, financial institutions, and consulting firms.
- **Educational:** Full-time unemployed students, or full-time educators from a college or university.
- **Inactive Retired:** Retired former active members.

If your government is already a member of the GFOA, arrange to become an ADDITIONAL ACTIVE member and you will be eligible for full benefits at a reduced rate.

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- Associate Educational Inactive Retired

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Refer to the enclosed GFOA Membership Fee Schedule.

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- City: Population _____
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