

# Young Professional/Student Membership Benefits

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## Scholarship Program

AGA awards scholarships of up to \$3,000 to you or to a family member pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in disciplines such as accounting, auditing, budgeting, economics, finance, information technology or public administration.

## Career Center

AGA encourages our members to build their skills and advance their careers. The Career Center provides resources including resume writing, job search tips, interviewing techniques and on-the-job advice as well as a job bank where you can post your resume or search for open positions.

## Case Challenge

AGA invites undergraduate students to compete in the Government Finance Case Challenge. Student teams collaboratively analyze data for a specified U.S. state, city or county government and develop a Citizen-Centric Report. Finalist teams receive a scholarship to attend one of AGA's National Conferences where they present their research to a panel that determines the winner. A cash prize is awarded as well as a travel stipend for three team members. The experience raises their awareness of the importance of accountability and open doors to a career in government.

## Mentoring Program

AGA offers an online mentoring program that features a user-driven mentor matching resource. This unique online networking and career development tool is designed to help AGA members find and connect with one another to establish mutually beneficial mentoring relationships.

## Leadership Opportunities

AGA is looking for its next generation of leaders and there are many opportunities available to young professionals to acquire or hone their leadership skills. You can start out slow and help your chapter plan a meeting or take on a bigger role as a chapter officer, or as a member of the Young Professionals Focus Group, which advises the National Leadership on the interests and needs of young professionals.

## CGFM Certification

The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) is the first certification broad enough to cover the entire field of government financial management — federal, state and local. Since its inception in 1994, the CGFM has become the standard by which government financial management professionals are measured. More than 15,000 individuals have received the designation so far. Now it's your turn. Experience the benefits of certification first hand — the CGFM is the mark of excellence in your profession.

## Chapter Activities

AGA chapters are the best place to network through training events, business meetings, community service activities, educational seminars and social events. Chapters put you in contact with financial management professionals within your area who share your concerns. There are more than 100 AGA chapters nationwide that serve the specialized needs of their members.

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## Topics

*Topics* is the weekly e-newsletter specifically for AGA members. It features content-rich articles written by experts, member profiles, upcoming training events and more. It is the best way to stay current on what's happening in the profession.

## Journal

Since 1950, the *Journal of Government Financial Management (Journal)* has been providing valuable, in-depth information to decision-makers at all levels of government. A valuable research and information source, the *Journal* is published quarterly by AGA.

## GFM Courses

These courses benefit both CGFM candidates studying for the examinations, and those who wish to advance their knowledge of government financial management in general. Designed from the content outlines of the CGFM Examinations, the courses provide in-depth coverage of government financial management topics at all levels of government. Each course provides high-quality, NASBA-approved, continuing professional education (CPE).

## Webinars

As a member benefit, AGA offers quarterly, complimentary webinars geared towards topics and issues relevant to government financial managers. Each webinar provides one CPE hour.

## Intergovernmental Partnership

A series of ToolKits and guides developed by a team of professionals from the federal, state, local and higher education sectors collaborating to solve current government challenges with the goal of improving performance and accountability. ToolKits include Fraud Prevention, Risk Assessment Monitoring, Financial and Administrative Monitoring and the Cooperative Audit Resolution and Oversight initiative guide.

## PDC

Held in July each year, AGA's annual premier education event offers up to 24 CPE hours and brings together the top officials in federal, state and local government as well as academia and the private sector for three-and-a-half days of intensive training and networking.

## CCR

AGA's Citizen-Centric Government Reporting (CCR) Initiative is intended to foster innovative means of communication between governments and their citizenry. AGA believes that government financial information should be provided to citizens in forms that are clear and understandable, updated regularly and often, delivered to all, easy to locate, honest in breadth and technically accurate in detail.

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