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The **Eastern Chapter** meets the second Wednesday of each Month, except the month of Spring Conference. Meetings are held at various locations in the St. Louis Metropolitan area.

The **Western Chapter** meets bi-monthly on the second Thursday at various locations in the Kansas City Metropolitan area. Days and times will vary due to topic and location.

The **Southwestern Chapter** meets quarterly on the third Tuesday of the first month of the quarter in the Springfield Metropolitan area.

Contact any of the State or local board members for more information on meetings in your area.

If these chapter meetings are not convenient for your location and there is interest in your area, contact someone on the state board about starting a chapter. We welcome your inquiries and will help you get started.

**The State & Local organization membership application is available on-line at the website below.**



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## GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI

Who, What, When, Where, & Why

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Government Finance Officers Association is to enhance and promote the professional management of governments for the public benefit by identifying and developing financial policies and best practices and promoting their use through education, training, facilitation of member networking, and leadership.

Come and join us for the time of your career.

Don't miss the training, education, networking, fellowship, and fun.



## Who is GFOA?

GFOA is a professional association of local government finance officers and professionals joined together to support the professional management of governments for the benefit of the public.

## What does GFOA do?

GFOA promotes the training and education of finance officials and support staff by providing training and educational opportunities, recommended practices, and GASB interpretation.

## When can I attend GFOA?

The State organization currently has two annual training sessions, Winter Seminar and Spring Conference/Annual Meeting. Winter Seminar is a one day training event and Spring Conference is approximately three days. Additional training events do occasionally occur at various locations.

There are currently three regional chapters located in the metropolitan areas of St. Louis, Kansas City and Branson. These chapters have monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly meetings for training and networking.

The National organization has educational and training events in Chicago and at various locations in the United States as well as internet training options. Check the National website for these schedules.

## Where can I attend GFOA?

There is no set location for the winter and spring training events, but a centralized location is usually selected for the

convenience of the members. Columbia has been selected in the past for winter and Lake of the Ozarks for spring.

The chapters will vary their meeting places for the convenience of its members.

## Why should I join GFOA?

Besides the education and training opportunities, local and regional networking, GFOA National offers certification and award programs to enhance and demonstrate the government finance officer's knowledge, skill and professionalism.

National Award programs include; Budget Review, CAFR Review, PAFR Review, and Awards for Excellence in Government Finance.

The Certified Public Finance Officer is gained through a series of five exams on Governmental Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting; Treasury and Investment, Management; Debt Management; Operating and Capital Budgeting; Retirement & Benefits, Risk Management, and Procurement.

Membership in GFOA also demonstrates the commitment of the government finance professional to the Code of Ethics and the organization's objectives as described below.

### GFOA OBJECTIVES

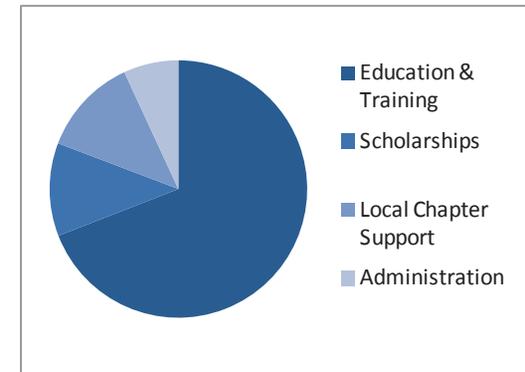
1. Expert Knowledge-be recognized as a leading source of expert knowledge in public financial management.
2. Education and Training-expertise and professionalism of financial managers and policy makers and provide recognition for their achievements.
3. Leadership Development-efforts to assist finance officers to develop the skills and capabilities necessary to become organizational leaders as well as technical experts.
4. Raising Public Awareness of Sound Financial Policy and Practice-leadership in promoting public awareness of policies and practices of sound financial management of public resources.

5. Enhanced Cooperation. Cooperate with and complement the services provided by other organizations (U.S., Canadian and international) to increase the effectiveness of GFOA.

6. Strategic Use of Technology. Provide information and analytical tools to help governments identify and apply appropriate, economical technologies to support efficient resource allocation, quality services and effective decision-making and to promote citizen involvement.

7. Association Operations-conducted in a manner that exemplifies the highest standards of financial management and member service.

## How are dues utilized?



As shown above, almost 70% of the membership fee collected by the state organization is utilized for education and training. Another 25% is used to provide scholarships to national training events and support to the regional chapters. The balance, 5% is used to provide the state organization website, a booth at the MML conference, membership booklets and other administration costs.

Contact one of the State Officers for more information on how to join and what GFOA can do for you.