



GGFOA Leadership Academy Scholarship

The Georgia Government Finance Officers Association (GGFOA) will offer one scholarship, not to exceed \$4,000, for one qualified applicant to attend the 2025 Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Leadership Academy to be held in November 16-21, 2025 on the campus of the College of Charleston in Charleston, SC.

This is an exciting opportunity that you do not want to miss. The annual Leadership Academy provides ambitious **senior** public and government finance professionals an opportunity to bolster their leadership and management skills to better serve their communities. The intensive week-long program provides up to 35 GFOA members from across the United States and Canada an opportunity to step away from day-to-day demands and technical training, and instead focus on leadership development. For more information visit the GFOA website at <https://www.gfoa.org/leadership-academy-application>.

Criteria for this scholarship:

- Applicant must be a member of GFOA.
- Applicant should be a member of senior management, such as Finance Director, Assistant Finance Director, Treasurer, Comptroller, Department Manager or Director, Assistant City Manager, or City Manager.
- Applicant must be a current GGFOA member at the time of application.
- Applicant must have attended six GGFOA training opportunities over the past four years. The annual GGFOA conference will count as two training opportunities.
- The applicant must attend the Leadership Academy and provide a certificate of completion or other evidence of attendance.
- Applicant must provide a letter of support to attend the GFOA/GGFOA Leadership Academy from his/her current employer.
- The applicant must provide a report to the GGFOA Board at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting following the GFOA Leadership Academy. This report is to identify his/her experience at the Leadership Academy, what they thought went well, what they thought could be improved, etc.
- **Copy of the completed GFOA application**, found at <https://www.gfoa.org/leadership-academy-application>.

The GGFOA Scholarships/Awards Committee will review all applications and determine whether the applicant meets the criteria and will consider the following in awarding a scholarship for the cost of the Leadership Academy, housing, and travel (mileage or airline – coach) for the applicant (not to exceed \$4,000 in total):

- Years of membership in the GGFOA
- Participation in GGFOA conferences and seminars
- Years in governmental finance
- Current position in governmental organization

The GFOA Leadership application period is June 15, 2025 - September 12, 2025. The application deadline is **September 12, 2025**. Applicant is expected to be notified by September 15, 2025 if they have been awarded this scholarship. The scholarship will be funded in advance, but must be reimbursed to GGFOA if all the above criteria, including the final report to the GGFOA Board are not completed.

Please don't let this opportunity slip away – get busy and apply today! Submit both the GGFOA and GFOA application to the Chair of the GGFOA Scholarship/Awards Committee by September 12, 2025 (Jonathan Smith smith.jonathan@columbusga.org). The subject line of the e-mail should read: **GGFOA Leadership Academy Scholarship Application**.



GGFOA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP

Name: _____

Employed by: _____

Position: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Telephone: _____

How many years have you held a senior position: _____

How many years have you been a GGFOA member: _____

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Please list the GGFOA trainings you have attended in the past 4 years: _____

Please submit this application **along with** the GFOA's Leadership Academy Application (<http://www.gfoa.org/sites/default/files/GFOALeadershipAcademyApplication.pdf>) to Jonathan Smith at smith.jonathan@columbusga.org no later than **September 12, 2025**. The subject line of the e-mail should read: **GGFOA Leadership Academy Scholarship Application**.