



GGFOA Public Finance Leadership Academy (PFLA) Scholarship

The Georgia Government Finance Officers Association (GGFOA) will offer two (2) scholarships for qualified applicants to attend the Carl Vinson Institute of Government's 2022-2023 Public Finance Leadership Academy (PFLA) to be held October 2022 through April 2023.

This is an exciting opportunity that you do not want to miss. The Public Finance Leadership Academy, a new certificate program announced during the 35th GGFOA Annual Conference, will equip new and emerging public sector financial management leaders with the knowledge they need to successfully manage the fiscal affairs and activities of a local government. As a participant in this six-month cohort program, you will learn from your peers, industry professionals and leadership experts to take your skills to the next level. PFLA participants will encounter next-level training in financial management, studying intergovernmental agreements, contractual debt obligations, long-term fiscal sustainability measures, property taxes, pensions and OPEB as well as the Capital Improvement Process, financing options, referendums, underlying credit and bond ratings, and more. In addition, PFLA will offer the latest training in government leadership. For more information visit the CVIOG website at <https://cviog.uga.edu/training-and-education/financial-training/pfla.html>.

Required criteria for this scholarship:

- Current GGFOA member at the time of application.
- Attended six GGFOA training opportunities over the past four years. The annual GGFOA conference will count as two training opportunities.
- Successful completion of Level II Finance Officer Certification or completion of Level I with progress towards Level II; alternatively, candidates who hold certain financial professional designations will be eligible for consideration without meeting the Level I and Level II requirement. Please consult PFLA application.
- **Copy of completed PFLA application**, found at above referenced CVIOG website.
- Acceptance into the program by the PFLA Advisory Board, made up of finance professionals across the State of Georgia.
- Provide a report to the GGFOA Board at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting following the Public Finance Leadership Academy completion. This report is to identify his/her experience at the Leadership Academy, what they thought went well, what they thought could be improved, etc.

The GGFOA Scholarships/Awards Committee will review all applications and determine whether the applicant meets the GGFOA criteria, and will consider the completed PFLA application's information as well as the following in awarding a scholarship:

- Years of membership in GGFOA
- Participation in GGFOA conferences and seminars
- GGFOA committee and/or leadership positions
- Years in governmental finance

The PFLA application submission deadline to CVIOG is **September 16, 2022**, also the Scholarship application to GGFOA is **September 16, 2022**. Applicant is expected to be notified by **September 30, 2022** if they have been awarded this scholarship. Please don't let this opportunity slip away – get busy and apply today!

Submit the GGFOA scholarship application and a copy of the completed PFLA application to the Chair of the GGFOA Scholarship/Awards Committee by **September 16, 2022** (Jennifer Fricks jfricks@socialcirclega.gov). The subject line of the e-mail should read: **GGFOA-PFLA Scholarship Application**.



GGFOA PUBLIC FINANCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (PFLA) SCHOLARSHIP

Name: _____

Employed by: _____

Position: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Telephone: _____

How many years have you been a GGFOA member: _____

Please list GGFOA committee and/or leadership positions:

How many years have you worked in governmental finance: _____

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

Please submit this application **along with a copy of** the CVIOG's completed PFLA Application <https://cviog.uga.edu/training-and-education/financial-training/pfla.html> to Jennifer Fricks at jfricks@socialcirclega.gov no later than **September 16, 2022**. The subject line of the e-mail should read: **GGFOA-PFLA Scholarship Application**.

If you are selected to receive this scholarship you will be notified by GGFOA with further instructions.



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PUBLIC FINANCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

(PFLA runs from October 2022 through April 2023)

APPLICATION

(Deadline to apply is September 16, 2022)

PURPOSE

To equip new and emerging public sector financial management leaders with the knowledge they need to successfully manage the fiscal affairs and activities of a local government.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Applicant First and Last Name: _____

Local Government Employer: _____

Business Address

Street: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Business Email Address: _____

Business Phone Number: _____

Personal Phone Number: _____

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Current Job Title: _____

Years in Current Position: _____

Current Job Duties:

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Employer's Name	Beginning Date	Ending Date

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Level of Education

- | | |
|--|-----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Degree | Year Graduated: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Degree | Year Graduated: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High School | Year Graduated: _____ |

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

- | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Level I Completion | Level II Completion | Professional Designations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> CPA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> CPFO |
| Professional Organizations: | | <input type="checkbox"/> CGFM |

Roles in Professional Organizations:

Professional Awards and/or Recognition:

APPLICANT ESSAY

Why do you want to participate in this program?

What do you hope to gain by completing this program?

Required Signatures

Supervisor - I certify I am the supervisor for the applicant and will allow sufficient time from work to complete the program.

_____ Date: _____

Applicant - If chosen for the Public Finance Leadership Academy, I understand that I am responsible for the \$2,799 registration fee and will be able to attend all sessions.

_____ Date: _____

Please attach the following documents to this application to be considered for the program:

- A current chronological resume
- At least one letter of support/approval for participation from current manager/supervisor or city or county leader

Send completed application and attachments to:

John Hulseley at jhulseley@uga.edu OR to
UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government
2530 Sever Road, Suite 100, Lawrenceville, GA 30043

Do not send tuition with this application. You will receive an email indicating if you have been accepted into the program with further instructions for registering and paying tuition.