



THE OZARKS LEDGER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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March is CGFM Month, so we would like to say thank you to our CGFMs and those currently working through the CGGM process for the dedication to your career and community. As we know, there are many facets of accounting, so we love to see the different certifications that our members are achieving. If you are interested in pursuing the CGFM or have questions please reach out to Daphne Pevahouse.

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Spring Seminar

March 21, 2024

OZARKS CHAPTER EVENTS

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION	CPE AVAILABLE
3/21/2024	<u>Spring Seminar</u>	eFactory	8 CPE
4/18/2024	Member meeting	Virtual	1 CPE
5/16/2024	Lunch & Learn	425 Downtown 12 pm - 1 pm	1 CPE

NATIONAL EVENTS

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION	CPE AVAILABLE
3/27/2024	<u>Cybersecurity / ERM</u>	Webinar	2 CPE
4/10/2024	<u>Ethics</u>	Webinar	2 CPE
4/24/2024	<u>CARES Act / ARPA</u>	Webinar	2 CPE
5/8/2024	<u>Fraud / Data Analytics</u>	Webinar	2 CPE
5/22/2024	<u>Leadership</u>	Webinar	2 CPE
7/14/2024 - 7/17/2024	<u>Professional Development Training</u>	Denver, CO	24 CPE

March 2024 is Certified Government Financial Manager month!

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Ozarks Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization, which has a network of over 14,000 members in 100 chapters in the United States and around the world, and approximately 86 active members representing state, federal, municipal, and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in the Springfield area; and

WHEREAS, AGA Ozarks Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics, and are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Springfield by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics, and to pass three examinations requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting; and

WHEREAS, each CGFM holder is required to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken McClure, Mayor of the City of Springfield, Missouri, do hereby proclaim March 2024 to be

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the important contributions Certified Government Financial Managers make in advancing transparency in government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official seal of the City of Springfield, Missouri, to be affixed this twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-four.




Ken McClure, Mayor

CGFM 30th Anniversary Deals!

Take a CGFM exam from February 1–March 31 and your next exam is free!

That's a savings of \$135!

CGFM application fee is only \$30 until March 31, 2024

Online, self-paced CGFM course bundles are 30% off for the month of March

[Learn more here!](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Wonders of Wildlife Museum

- Accounts Payable Specialist

Mercy Hospital

- Financial Accounting Specialist

Jack Henry

- Revenue Accountant

Prime, Inc

- Financial Analyst

Cox Health

- Financial Data Analyst

Red Monkey Foods

- Staff Accountant

Vital Farms

- Manager of Manufacturing Accounting

NAVIGATING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS WITHOUT LOSING YOUR COOL

Learn how to manage emotional tension and conduct conversations in a way that enables all parties to stay engaged in collaborative dialogue.

Take the free Conversation Assessment!

[Learn more here](#)

Register for the Franklin Covey webinar [here](#)

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BENEFITS OF CGFM CERTIFICATION

- Enhances your marketability
- Increases confidence on the job
- Encourages employer incentives

And many more! For more info go to

<https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM/Candidates/CGFMProcess.aspx>

