

August 2023 Newsletter - Virginia Peninsula Chapter

Our chapter website is up to date and contains all this information and more – visit and bookmark <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Virginia-Peninsula-Chapter/Home.aspx>. Thanks to our webmaster Suzanne Maddalena!

Save the date and plan to attend these great educational events:

• **Thursday, September 21, 12:00 ET via Zoom** - *Financial & Statistical Tools to Help Uncover Government Fraud, Waste, & Abuse*, presented by the NJ Office of State Auditor's Eric Fonseca, Principal Auditor and Douglass MacArthur, Senior Auditor. Free for chapter members and you're welcome to invite guests. This is our first chapter meeting of the new AGA program year. Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcld-uvrTltH9dTau88KQ4jpL_2PLJCHKi#/registration. Thank you to Laura Tolbert for creating the attached flyer!

• **December 7 & 8, 2023** - 28th Annual Commonwealth PDT at the Great Wolf Lodge, Williamsburg, VA. Offering 16 CPEs, including the 2-hour ethics required of CPAs in VA, this is always a great educational and networking experience. See attached flyer.

CGFM Information:

Interested in earning YOUR CGFM? The VA Peninsula Chapter, through CGFM Director Claudia Ohar, is planning to hold study group sessions, as we have for the last two years. Upon request, Claudia will also provide study materials to members who are unable to join the group to review on their own. Sometimes candidates only need one more exam, or they are taking them in a different order than the study group is covering.

Claudia is now living in California and needs assistance hosting the study group to accommodate the time difference. The earliest she is able to support is 1530 PCT, which is 1830 ET. Claudia started the study group when she was pursuing the CGFM, and successfully earned the designation. Please consider volunteering to help as it is a great way to stay accountable while you study! If interested, please contact Claudia Ohar directly: ohar.claudia@gmail.com.

Thank you to Claudia for continuing this service...by way of comparison, the online prep course for all three parts through AGA national costs \$625 (<https://cgfm.learnupon.com/store>).

Scholarship Information:

There is an upcoming Scholarship opportunity for a college junior, senior or graduate student pursuing a public service career in government accountability.

Our chapter's Government Accountability Scholarship has been endowed and is ready to be awarded! Starting in December 2023, apply through the Hampton Roads Community Foundation at <https://hamptonroadscf.org/scholarships/scholarships-at-hampton-roads-community-foundation>. The scholarship amount varies based on market conditions, but we expect it to be about \$1,000 and renewable.

Requirements:

- It is for college juniors, seniors, or graduate students from Hampton Roads, Eastern Shore of Virginia, the Middle Peninsula and/or Northern Neck
- GPA of at least a 3.0 GPA
- Has demonstrated keen interest in pursuing a public service career in government financial management and accountability and have declared a major in a relevant field.

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