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CGFM breakout session

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What is CGFM? What are the benefits?

<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm>

- Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by AGA
- Benefits:
 - **Increased knowledge** of government financial management
 - **Greater confidence** on the job
 - **Better understanding** of “big picture” of government
 - **Enhanced marketability** throughout all levels of government

Expand Your Career Options

“CGFM has greatly expanded my career opportunities by giving me the skills to work across all levels of government and has made me a more valuable employee.”

— Melinda DeCorte, CGFM
Principal, Government Audit, Sikich
2026–2027 AGA National President



Certification requirements

www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/process

- **Ethics** – read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics
- **Education** – have a bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. college or university
- **Examinations** – pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations
- **Experience** – complete at least two years of professional-level experience in U.S. government financial management

Only for AGA Members!



\$45

application fee

a 50% savings!



CGFM recognition

- What is official recognition?
 - pay raise, bonus, preferred credential, points during hiring, reimbursement of fees
- Research
 - Is CGFM currently recognized by your employer?
 - If not, are other credentials recognized?
 - If not, what is the process?

Email us current policies and contact us to plan your efforts –
CGFMdirector@agacgfm.org

How can chapters promote CGFM?

- Work with their employers to recognize CGFM.
- Share with AGA National examples of CGFM recognition, including specific policies.
- Request CGFM Month proclamation from state and local governments and promote those proclamations.
- Use CGFM Month to promote CGFM and recognize CGFMs in their chapter or state.
- Schedule chapter events to highlight CGFM, including CGFM Lunch-and-Learns.
- Support individuals pursuing CGFM by sharing information from AGA National and offering resources (training, study group, study guide lending, reimbursement of fees, incentives).
- Run chapter member surveys to gauge interest and get feedback on the CGFM program from current CGFMs and potential CGFMs, and share this information with the National office.
- Reach out to entities outside of AGA (employers, organizations, colleges and universities) to promote CGFM.

CGFM Month



Celebrate CGFM Month!

Join AGA in celebrating CGFM Month throughout March. Honor the knowledge, leadership and service of Certified Government Financial Managers and explore ways to raise awareness of the credential that strengthens the government financial management profession.

[Learn More](#)



Chapter resources

CGFM

Most Recent CGFM Town Hall – [recording](#) | [slides](#)

CGFM Month

- [Proclamation Request Letter 2026](#)
- [Sample 2026 Proclamation](#)
- [Zoom Background](#)
- [CGFM Month Banner](#)

CGFM Tools

- [CGFM Presentation](#)
- [Request CGFM materials](#)

New CGFMs

2026

- [By chapter](#)
- [By month](#)

2025

- [By chapter](#)
- [By month](#)

Questions? Contact cgfmdirector@agacgfm.org

Chapter successful practices

- Informational sessions on CGFM (lunch-and-learn)
- CGFM proclamations during March
- Recognition of CGFMs (new, all, CGFM of the year, drawings/prizes, social media)
- Candidate support (study group, lending library, scholarships, mentorship, reimbursement of fees)
- CGFM courses

CGFM group courses

<https://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm-certification/cgfm-exams/cgfm-group-training>

Training Arrangements and Options

AGA offers two convenient group training arrangements:

Standard group training (up to 30 participants):

Organizations choosing this arrangement have two options:

- Hold the training virtually or on-site (at your location)
- Schedule individual courses or the entire program

Pricing for virtual delivery (for up to 30 people):

- Course 1 (8 CPEs): \$5,500
- Course 2 (21 CPEs): \$10,000
- Course 3 (16 CPEs): \$8,500

All three courses (45 CPEs): \$24,000

Pricing for on-site (your location) delivery (for up to 30 people):

- Course 1 (8 CPEs): \$6,000
- Course 2 (24 CPEs): \$12,000
- Course 3 (16 CPEs): \$9,000

All three courses (48 CPEs): \$27,000

NOTE: The price for each course includes instructor fees and expenses, as well as a corresponding online and hard-copy CGFM study guide for up to 30 attendees. There is an additional fee of \$100 per course, per participant over 30; the maximum number of participants for each course is 35.

Small-group training (up to 20 participants):

If you have 20 or fewer people, this is your arrangement! All three courses are condensed and cover the material more quickly.

Pricing for virtual delivery (for up to 10 people): \$15,000

NOTE: The price for this arrangement includes instructor fees and expenses, as well as a corresponding online or hard-copy CGFM study guide for up to 10 attendees. There is an additional fee of \$900 per participant over 10; the maximum number of participants is 20. This training cannot be held on-site.

All listed prices reflect locations in the continental United States and are subject to change without notice.

AGA Chapters: Please contact us for possible promotional rates.

For more information or to schedule your on-site or virtual CGFM course, please contact us at 800.AGA.7211 or [email](#).

What is new?

- New on-demand courses
- Journal CPE quizzes
- Changes to CGFM maintenance requirements



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When You Need It



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