



Government Finance Officers Association

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Dear Colleague:

We want to share information with you about GFOA's **first-time annual conference attendee scholarship** that is now in its fourth year with almost 1,600 past recipients. Fifty scholarships per state or province will be awarded to GFOA active (government) members who have never attended the annual conference. The scholarship waives the conference registration fee and is presented on a first-come, first-served basis.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity by e-mailing firstannualconference@gfoa.org. GFOA greatly impacted my career, and I hope that you will feel as inspired by your first conference experience.

Registration for the conference will open on November 6. Keep watch for the conference brochure to arrive soon in the mail. We look forward to seeing you in St. Louis, Missouri, May 6–9, 2018.

Sincerely,

Chris Morrill
Executive Director/CEO

GFOA'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Why I Got Involved in GFOA and How It Has Influenced My Career

When I was 28 and serving as a management analyst in Savannah, Georgia, the assistant city manager took a chance and appointed me budget director. That year, I attended my first GFOA national conference in Denver — and I was hooked. I found the sessions relevant and applicable to my work in Savannah, learned a great deal, and enjoyed the delegates that I met. After that really positive experience, I volunteered to be a trainer in the budget academy, served on three standing committees, and used GFOA consulting for implementing Budgeting for Outcomes and assistance with implementing an ERP system. I eventually applied for the executive board and had the honor of serving as president in 2012–2013.

I have learned more through my involvement with GFOA than any other professional development opportunity. I've built strong professional relationships and made many lifelong friends. And, by applying best practices and GFOA research in my organizations, I have been able to better serve the communities in which I have worked.

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