



GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA

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From the
President

I hope everyone has survived the summer and election season!

I wish good luck to all that have administration changes. While most of you have just completed your budgets, there are a few of us on a calendar year that are right in the middle of it. The organization has completed the final stages of completing the contract with the University of Alabama. This will help us continue to grow our conferences and ensure more outreach to all in our profession in Alabama. We are looking forward our to Winter Conference in Mobile, February 18-20, 2026.

As always if you have any questions please feel fre to reach out.

Thank you,

Ford Handley

THE HAPPENINGS

CGAT PROGRAM

WE NEED YOU!

A excellent professional development opportunity GFOAA offers is the Certified Governmental Accounting Technician (CGAT) Program.

This program provides the opportunity for accounting clerks and technicians to improve their skills in the areas of general ledger, budgeting, fund accounting, purchasing/accounts payable, payroll, and billing/accounts receivable.

Currently, we are in search of additional instructors for the program! Please let us know if you may be interested in teaching a course this coming year.

For more information on this program check out the CGAT training website at [CGAT Program Registration Information - Certified Governmental Accounting Technician Program \(ua.edu\)](#).

UPCOMING COURSES

PAYROLL: JANUARY 28, 2026
FUND ACCOUNTING: MARCH 11, 2026
BUDGETING: MAY 27, 2026
GENERAL LEDGER: JULY 29, 2026
PURCHASING: SEPTEMBER 30, 2026
BILLINGS/ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:
NOVEMBER 11, 2026

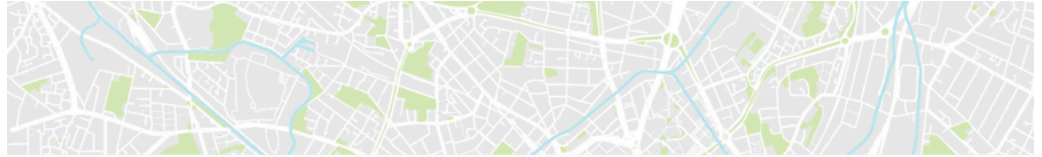


2026 GFOAA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION OPEN

Join us February 18-20, 2026 in Mobile, Alabama for Alabama's premier governmental finance event! Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and grow with your peers across the state.

[Registration is now open](#) and the early-bird rate expires on December 31, 2025.



38th Annual Governmental Accounting & Auditing Forum



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2025 GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING FORUM

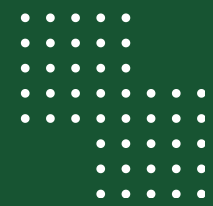
We are counting down the days until our Governmental Accounting and Auditing Forum! ASCPA - alongside AGA and GFOAA - is honored to be hosting this event live and in-person from the Birmingham Marriott. This three-day conference will address all your governmental questions, comments and concerns. Register today before time runs out!

This is 16.0 CPE packed with powerhouse content:

- 8.0 A&A to sharpen your skills
- 2.0 Ethics to keep you on point
- 2.0 Tax for the latest updates
- 4.0 Other to round out your expertise

[Click Here to Register and Find out more!](#)

Got Questions: Contact Megan Hughes at mhughes@alabama.cpa to get in on the action.



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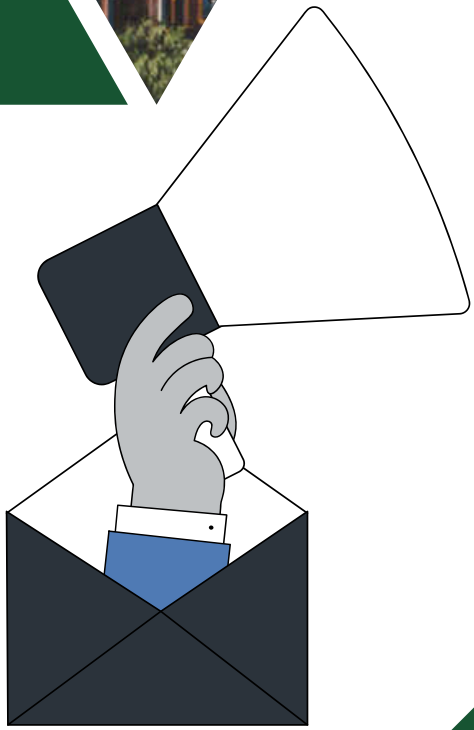
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OUR MISSION

The mission of the Government Finance Officers Association of Alabama is to provide a professional association for government finance personnel dedicated to professional development, educational opportunities, and collaboration.

Questions, Thoughts, Ideas?

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