



Association of Government Accountants

CGFM Plan

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Objective: Make the CGFM the preferred professional designation in the government financial management community.

Strategy1: Promote the CGFM credential to chapter members and nonmembers.

- ④ Identify Chapter members who are qualified and interested in taking the CGFM examination and facilitate CGFM examinations being taken this year.
- ④ Recognize new CGFMs in the Chapter newsletter, on the website, annual awards ceremony, and local publications.
- ④ Work with the Director of Membership to promote AGA and the CGFM certification program at area colleges/universities.
- ④ During CGFM month, recognize chapter CGFM's.

Strategy 2: Support individuals striving to attain the CGFM.

- ④ Coordinate a study group for CGFM Exams.
- ④ Publish tips from CGFMs in the newsletter on how to study and prepare for the exams.
- ④ Identify current chapter CGFM examination applicants to move them toward their goal of sitting for and passing the three CGFM examinations.
- ④ Encourage other interested chapter members to sign up for the CGFM examinations.
- ④ Work with other regional chapters to sponsor the CFM course.

Strategy 3: Provide a financial incentive to AGA members to pass the CGFM examinations.

- ④ Reimburse a portion the CGFM examination fee for any chapter member who passes a CGFM examination. This does not apply to those members whose costs are covered by a third party and is limited to the first nine exam reimbursement requests per fiscal year.

- ④ The Chapter will reimburse members that pass CGFM exams on a graduated scale.
 - If three exams are passed within 12 calendar months from the date of the Eligibility Letter, the member will be reimbursed \$125 per exam.
 - If three exams are passed within 13 to 18 calendar months from the date of the Eligibility Letter, the member will be reimbursed \$90 per exam.
 - If three exams are passed in 19 calendar months to 3 years from the date of the Eligibility Letter, the member will be reimbursed \$80 per exam.

- ④ Members applying for exam reimbursement will need to provide a copy of the eligibility letter and verification of passing the three exams to receive the graduated rate. Without this documentation, all exams will be reimbursed at the \$50 rate.

Strategy 4: Support and implement AGA National's efforts to advance awareness, knowledge, and value of the CGFM designation at all levels of government.

- ④ Focus on the value of the designation for the individual and for the chapter.

- ④ Encourage members to wear CGFM pins or shirts and use the CGFM designation on business cards, in the newsletters and on educational flyers.

- ④ Use the CGFM designation on conference nametags, ribbons and newsletter/website items.

Strategy 5: Encourage the state government to take the lead in recognizing those attaining the CGFM and/or reimbursement for the costs of exams.

- ④ Identify key government financial officials, in the chapter area, who can help promote the CGFM designation.

- ② Work with the Governor's Office to recognize March, as CGFM month, and request a group photo with the Governor's Office for the signing of the declaration.
- ② Send informational letter to all key financial officials regarding the benefits of AGA membership and CGFM designation.
- ② Proclamation should be published in the Chapter newsletter and on the website.

Strategy 6: Foster good communication within the chapter and the Region.

- ② Exchange information with the Regional CGFM Coordinator, RVP, and the National CGFM Coordinator.
- ② Invite the National President, Regional Coordinator of Certification or the Regional Vice-President to promote the CGFM program to the chapter and key financial officials in the area.
- ② Share any key CGFM information from AGA National and CGFM activities in the chapter with members.

Strategy 7: Provide ongoing support and information to current and potential CGFMs.

- ② Work with the assistance of the Webmaster to update and maintain CGFM information on the website.
- ② Encourage CGFMs to renew their certification through email notification and newsletter reminders.
- ② Provide the newsletter and website with monthly CGFM articles, and explain the CGFM process and education, experience, and exam requirements for certification.
- ② Work on achieving the goals outlined in the Chapter Recognition Program for CGFM Certification.