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Florida Government
Finance Officers Association

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Hear a Message from Your FGFOA President**



Happy New Year!!
Wishing you joy, health, and prosperity in the year ahead.
From your FGFOA Board of Directors and Committee
Chairs!!



Spotlight on Leadership



Sharon Almeida
FGFOA Board Director

Sharon Almeida, Finance Director for the Village of Royal Palm Beach, brings over 13 years of experience in government finance and leads a team of seven accounting professionals. She earned her Certified Government Finance Officer (CGFO) designation in 2018 and has been an active FGFOA member for more than a decade, serving on committees and now as a member of the Board of Directors.

**[Click Here to Learn More
About Sharon](#)**



Committee Corner

Save the Date!!

**2026 Annual Conference
June 13-17, 2026**

Loews Sapphire Falls Resort at Universal Orlando



To help you get familiar with what's coming, the Conference Committee will highlight one track each month leading up to the Annual Conference. This month's spotlight is on the **Budget Track**.

Take control of your money, master the economy, and plan for long-term success. Our **Budgeting, Economics, and Financial Track** is designed to empower you with the tools and knowledge to thrive in today's financial landscape.

Here's a sneak peak of the topics:

- Bridge the Gap: A Budget Bootcamp for Financial Professionals
- Economic Update
- Financial Policies: The Nuts and Bolts
- From Budgets to Breakthroughs: Driving Results Through Collaborations
- And much more.....



Call for Singers!

The Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGFOA) is seeking a member to perform the **National Anthem** during the Opening General Session of the **2026 Annual Conference**, taking place **June 13–17, 2026**, at the **Loews Sapphire Falls Resort at Universal Orlando**.

This performance is a special opportunity to represent the Association and set an inspiring tone as we open our signature annual event.

Submission Deadline: Friday, January 16, 2026

Interested members are invited to [submit a brief vocal audition video \(no more than 60 seconds\) here](#)

We look forward to showcasing the talent and professionalism of our FGFOA membership at this year's conference.



GET READY TO IGNITE YOUR NEW YEAR!!

FGFOA MENTORING PROGRAM

Are you ready to take the next step in your professional development or help someone else do the same?

Join Us for the Second Session of our FGFOA Ignite Series!
Discover the Power of Mentoring & Emotional Intelligence

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Featuring: FGFOA President Nicole Gasparri

[RSVP HERE](#)

*****Please NOTE: If you are already a participant in the FGFOA Mentoring Program, you do not need to RSVP*****



FGFOA Beginner Boot Camp

The next FGFOA Beginner Boot Camp will be held at:
Hilton University of Florida Conference Center Gainesville
Thursday, February 26 and Friday, February 27, 2026
Registration closes Friday, January 16th, at 10:00 a.m.

This program is exclusive to FGFOA members.

Not a member yet?

Complete your membership application today at [**FGFOA.org**](https://www.fgfoa.org) and join us!

There is no charge to register for the Boot Camp Lottery

If You Receive a Seat in the Boot Camp Class -- Registration fee: \$550.00

Participant Selection

Participants will be chosen through a lottery system. Thirty individuals will be randomly selected from all submitted registrations, ensuring an equal opportunity for everyone.

Notification & Waitlist

If you are not selected, your name will be placed on a waiting list. You will receive notification confirming whether you have secured a seat in the Boot Camp or have been waitlisted.

Seat Policy

Boot Camp seats are non-transferable. If you decline an offered spot, it will be reassigned to the next person on the waiting list.

REGISTER HERE for the Boot Camp Lottery



Virtual Learning Opportunities

Upcoming Webinars

Stay current and connected with FGFOA's lineup of professional development webinars! Each session is designed to provide practical insights, timely updates, and tools you can apply directly in your daily work. Whether you're looking to strengthen your technical knowledge or expand your leadership skills, there's a webinar for you.

January 15, 2026 – ARPA Fund Wrap-Up

February 19, 2026 – The Expanding Complexity of Employee Compensation

March 19, 2026 – RPA/Machine Learning

Visit the [FGFOA Webinar page](#) and click **“Register Now”** or log in to your member portal and go to the **“Events”** tab.

Don't miss these valuable learning opportunities!

Webinar Registration

Looking for Additional Ethics CPE Opportunities?

The Florida Institute of CPAs (FICPA) is offering “FICPA Ethics: Protecting the Integrity of the Florida CPAs,” created with the DBPR and approved by the Florida Board of Accountancy. Sessions are available online, in-person, and on-site (live or virtually).

Learn More & Register



FGFOA 2026 Leadership Program

Last Call for FGFOA Leadership 2026 Applications!!!
Deadline to apply is January 9, 2026

Applications are open for FGFOA Leadership 2026! This five-day program builds leadership skills, grows your professional network, and prepares you to lead in Florida's government finance community.

Program Dates: April 13–17, 2026
Location: Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando
Member Cost: \$1,495 (subsidized from \$3,000)
Application Deadline: January 9, 2026

[FGFOA Leadership Program](#)

Click Image Below to Watch Carlisha's Leadership Testimonial



Click Image Below to Watch Kristin's Leadership Testimonial



Submit Your Leadership Application Here



Member Spotlight Nominations

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond? A mentor, colleague, or chapter leader who deserves to be recognized? **Nominate them for the FGFOA Member Spotlight!** It only takes a few minutes, and your nomination could help highlight the inspiring work of a fellow member.

Submit Nomination



Local Chapter News

Join the Space Coast Chapter for a Networking & Training Event!

Mark your calendar for **Friday, February 6, 2026**, as the Space Coast Chapter hosts a dynamic professional gathering in Viera from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The afternoon will kick off with a Chapter Business Meeting, followed by lunch and four hours of CPE training.

This session will cover key topics including ACFR and PAFR publication, along with important updates on the Yellow Book and Single Audit Requirements.

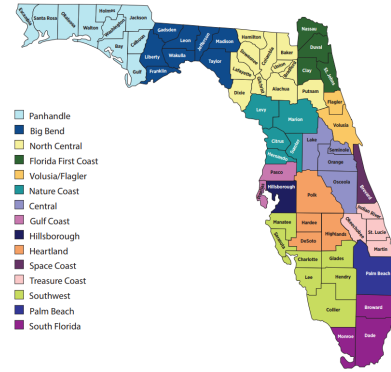
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Stay Connected with FGFOA!

Follow the Florida Government Finance Officers Association on social media to get the latest updates, event announcements, and news that matters to government finance professionals.

Stay informed. Stay engaged. Be part of the FGFOA community.



[Submit Your Leadership Application Here](#)

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