

Florida Government
Finance Officers Association

2026



FGFOA Annual Conference

June 13-17, 2026
Loews Sapphire Falls Resort
Orlando, FL

Schedule at a Glance*

Saturday, June 13, 2026

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Registration Desk Open

8:00 a.m. - 4:40 p.m.
Procurement and Technology Pre-Conference Seminar (TB)
(Additional and pre-registration required)

8:00 a.m. - 4:40 p.m.
Investment Pre-Conference Seminar (TB)
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Sunday, June 14, 2026

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Zumba Class

8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
First-Time Attendees' Orientation

11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Exhibit Hall Open

1:00 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.
Opening General Session (BEH)

2:40 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Refreshment Break

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FGFOA 2026-2027 Standing Committee Meetings

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Announcement



EXHIBIT HALL

Be sure to visit the exhibit hall and meet with the companies that help make this conference possible. Refreshment breaks, Sunday's Association Night reception, and Monday's lunch will be held in the exhibit hall.

HOSPITALITY SUITE

After a long day, join us in the hospitality suite to relax and network with friends, vendors, and colleagues while enjoying refreshments. Plenty of activities will be going on, so be sure to check them out! The hospitality suite hours will be:

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 **8:30 P.M. - 11:30 P.M.**

MONDAY, JUNE 15 **8:30 P.M. - 11:30 P.M.**

ZUMBA CLASS

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 **7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.**

Fitness enthusiasts, join us for a fun and energetic Zumba class led by our own Nicole Gasparri. She will surely get your heart rate up and ready for the day.

ASSOCIATION NIGHT RECEPTION

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 **5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.**

Mingle with friends and colleagues and learn about innovative financial advances while enjoying delicious food and drinks.

Association Night is open to registered adults and registered adult guests only.

TUESDAY NIGHT EVENT

TUESDAY, JUNE 16 **7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.**

The Tuesday Night Event is returning to Universal's CityWalk in 2026. Enjoy an exciting block party with food and entertainment from Pat O'Brien's, Bob Marley – A Tribute to Freedom, and live karaoke at Rising Star.

This event is included with regular registration, and guest tickets may also be purchased. **A name badge is required to attend this event, so all guests must be registered.** See page 10 for more details.

Education Schedule

Saturday, June 13, 2026

8:00 a.m. - 4:40 p.m.

Pre-Conference Seminars

(Additional and pre-registration required)

PROCUREMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

CPE Credit: 8 Hours (TB)

8:00 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

Strategic Purchasing Decisions: Balancing Compliance, Value, and Risk

Effective procurement is not about choosing one purchasing method over another—it's about knowing when to use the right tool for the right situation. This session will provide a practical, decision-based framework for navigating common procurement strategies in public sector environments. Through real-world examples and clear decision points, this session will help attendees make informed, compliant, and strategic purchasing decisions that balance speed, transparency, and value while reducing institutional risk.

10:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

Making Compliance Work: Aligning Procurement, Budget, and Communication

Procurement compliance extends beyond policies and procedures—it relies on clear documentation, strong budget alignment, and effective communication with internal stakeholders. This session will focus on the practical realities of maintaining compliance while building trust and collaboration across departments. It will emphasize real-world approaches to partnering with internal departments, improving understanding of procurement requirements, and fostering a culture where compliance, transparency, and shared responsibility support institutional goals.

1:00 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.

Automating Year-End Close and Core Financial Processes: Practical AI and Automation Strategies (Parts 1 & 2)

Learn how simple automation tools can streamline data collection, improve task coordination, and reduce manual errors common in closing and reporting processes. The speakers will walk you through examples of how local governments are already using AI and automation to simplify repetitive work, strengthen controls, and improve visibility during the close process.

INVESTMENT

CPE Credit: 8 Hours (TB)

8:00 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

"Extra, Extra!" Hear All the Economic Updates!

Stay informed on the latest economic trends impacting state and local governments. This session will provide an expert outlook on inflation, interest rates, employment, and fiscal policy developments that directly affect financial planning.

10:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

Implementing a Strong Investment Program

Learn the fundamentals of building a robust investment program that balances yield, safety, and liquidity. Experts will share proven practices and tools for managing portfolios in today's interest rate environment.

1:00 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

Liquidity Management and Cash Flow Forecasting

Accurate forecasting is critical for liquidity and operational success. Learn techniques and tools governments are using to forecast cash flow, optimize balances, and ensure sufficient liquidity under varying economic conditions.

3:00 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.

Investment and Fiduciary Oversight of Defined Contribution or Pension Plans

Fiduciary oversight of public sector retirement plans is more critical than ever. Explore best practices and regulatory expectations for managing defined contribution (DC) and pension plans. Gain insight into fiduciary responsibilities, monitoring investment performance, and managing plan fees and service providers.

Sunday, June 14, 2026



1:00 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

Opening General Session

CPE Credit: 1.5 Hours (BEH)

Unshakable Resilience: The Key to Performing at Your Best No Matter What Comes Your Way

As fast as the world is changing today, it will seem slow compared to the pace in the weeks, months, and years ahead. Leaders like you are expected to manage increasing complexity, balance competing priorities, and deliver results for your communities without burning out. The old model of resilience, which focuses on pushing through, staying strong, and simply bouncing back, may have worked in the past, but it isn't enough to thrive in today's constantly changing environment. Instead, we must develop Unshakable Resilience.

Unshakable Resilience isn't just a mindset, it's a muscle that anyone can develop. In this interactive keynote, **Hoan Do** will share proven strategies to adapt, grow, and thrive no matter what challenges come your way. You'll discover a framework for turning adversity into a catalyst for growth, learn a simple yet profound way to make embracing change easier, and experience how easy it can be to build meaningful connections and a supportive community.

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3:00 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Single Audit Essentials:
Requirements and Best Practices**
CPE Credit: 2 Hours (AA)

This session will provide a comprehensive overview of single audit requirements, Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) preparation, and compliance practices. Participants will learn how to account for grants, strengthen internal controls, and prepare accurate SEFAs, including reporting expenditures and deferred revenue. The session will also highlight common audit findings, pitfalls to avoid, and key updates under the Office of Management and Budget's Uniform Guidance to equip staff with practical tools for successful audits and long-term compliance.

**Public Procurement: From Barrier
to Strategic Value and Beyond**
CPE Credit: 2 Hours (TB)

Public procurement is often perceived as a barrier—focused on rules, approvals, and restrictions. In reality, modern public procurement plays a critical role in advancing organizational strategy, managing risk, and delivering long-term value. This session will challenge outdated perceptions and reframe procurement as a strategic partner and organizational enabler. It will provide both a mindset shift and actionable strategies for positioning public procurement as a trusted advisor—one that drives efficiency, supports mission-critical outcomes, and contributes meaningfully to organizational success.

Keep Burnout at Bay
CPE Credit: 2 Hours (BEH)

This panel discussion will seek to

provide fiscal leaders in local government with practical tools and strategies to maintain optimal personal and organizational mental wellness and reduce the likelihood of burnout. Attendees will receive tips on how to: support and strengthen mental health, coping, and functioning; sustain and grow effectiveness in public service; and recognize when mental health support and/or interventions may be indicated.

**ERP Implementation Without the
Headaches: Real-World Advice
from Government Agencies**
CPE Credit: 2 Hours (TB)

Transitioning to a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system presents unique challenges for government agencies, from managing stakeholder expectations to minimizing operational disruptions. This session will delve into real-world experiences, highlighting proven strategies in change management, effective communication, and risk mitigation. Attendees will walk away with practical insights and actionable best practices to ensure smoother, more successful ERP transitions within their own organizations. Additionally, the session will address how to leverage technology and collaboration to foster adoption and maximize the long-term value of ERP investments.

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8:00 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

**Second General
Session**

*CPE Credit: 2 Hours
(BEH)*

**Do It Anyway: How to Take Action
Even When You Don't Feel Like It!**

Feeling stuck? Overwhelmed? This keynote by **Nicole Gasparri, CGFO, PHR**, Chief Administrative Officer for the Palm Beach County Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller, will

deliver the spark you need to push past resistance and take decisive action. Learn how to harness your experience, embrace uncertainty, and create a future that inspires you. Walk away motivated, empowered, and ready to do it anyway.

10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Lean Teams, Strong Controls:
Internal Controls in Today's
Staffing Reality**

CPE Credit: 1.5 Hours (AA)

With ongoing staffing shortages and budget constraints across governments of all sizes, maintaining strong internal controls is more challenging than ever. This session will focus on practical, risk-based strategies to preserve accountability and compliance despite limited staff capacity, emphasizing the importance of skills, knowledge, and smart process design—not just headcount.

Ignite!

CPE Credit: 1.5 Hours (BEH)

If you have ever wondered how to engage or motivate your team, or even yourself, you don't want to miss this session! Whether you are the team leader or a team member, a cohesive, engaged team is a must. The question becomes: How is it possible, among all the distractions of life? In today's fast-paced and ever-changing environment, it can feel like you are multi-tasking, juggling, and even barely surviving, and yet, as a leader, your focus needs to be on your team. Take an introspective look at your own leadership and the impact you have on others. Everyone can lead in a way that inspires, motivates, and engages others.

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Understanding Arbitrage and Bond Compliance

CPE Credit: 1.5 Hours (TB)

This session will help demystify the complex world of arbitrage calculation, payment, and compliance. Participants will explore how these requirements pair with ongoing bond compliance, continuing disclosure, and best practices for staying audit-ready.

Bridging the Gap: A Budget Boot Camp for Finance Professionals

CPE Credit: 1.5 Hours (TB)

This session will offer a practical overview of the government budget process. Led by experts with cross-functional experience, it will cover budget cycles, terminology, and stakeholder roles, highlighting key differences and synergies between budgeting and finance. Attendees will learn how to better align budgeting with financial reporting, capital planning, and operational performance.

1:00 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

GASB Update: Upcoming Initiatives and Requirements

CPE Credit: 2 Hours (AA)

Receive an overview of the latest developments from the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), with a focus on upcoming initiatives and new reporting requirements that will impact local governments. Participants will learn about recently issued statements, projects currently on the GASB agenda, and anticipated changes in financial reporting, disclosures, and compliance. The session will highlight key timelines

and practical steps finance officers can take now to prepare for implementation.

“Elected Officials Are Our Friends”

CPE Credit: 2 Hours (BEH)

The synergy between city and county administrators and their elected officials is essential for the efficient delivery of services to residents. A panel consisting of administrators and elected officials will discuss their perspectives and strategies for establishing productive relationships.

“Let’s Bond” Over Bonds, Notes, and Beyond: Financing Capital Projects

CPE Credit: 2 Hours (TB)

Public agencies face multiple options when funding capital projects. This session will examine bonds, bank loans, public-private partnerships, and other alternatives, helping you compare structures and select the right approach for your organization’s needs.

Stewardship and Building Trust with Citizens: A Leadership Perspective

CPE Credit: 2 Hours (BEH)

In today’s climate of heightened public scrutiny, government finance leaders must go beyond resource management to build public trust. This session will examine how ethical leadership, transparent reporting, and strategic communication enhance accountability and citizen confidence. Participants will learn best practices and real-world case studies to strengthen their role as trusted stewards of public resources and champions of civic engagement.

3:00 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

GASB’s Rearview Mirror: Recent Implementations and Lessons Learned

CPE Credit: 2 Hours (AA)

This session will provide a practical look back at recently implemented and newly effective GASB standards, highlighting lessons learned and best practices from the field. Topics will include accounting for and tracking leases (GASB 87) and subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITA) (GASB 96), capital asset reporting challenges, and the new requirements for compensated absences under GASB 101. The session will also touch on other recent standards, including GASB 99 (Omnibus 2022) and GASB 100 (Accounting Changes and Error Corrections), offering insights on implementation, common pitfalls, and strategies to ensure smoother adoption and stronger financial reporting going forward.

Economic Update

CPE Credit: 2 Hours (TB)

This session will explore key economic indicators such as gross domestic product (GDP), inflation, interest rates, consumer confidence, and employment figures and what they reveal about the broader economy. Participants will learn how to interpret these indicators and apply them in practical ways to enhance financial planning, budgeting, and investment strategies. Understanding the economic landscape can help you anticipate changes, manage risk, and identify opportunities. Stay ahead of the curve with insights that turn economic data into actionable guidance.

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It's Me vs. AI: Why Human Judgment Still Matters

CPE Credit: 2 Hours (TB)

AI tools like ChatGPT and Microsoft Copilot are powerful aids for analyzing data and generating reports, but they're not flawless. This session will explore why AI should complement, not replace, human expertise, emphasizing the critical need for validation and oversight. Using practical examples like sales tax calculations, we'll discuss why fine-tuning AI outputs is essential before trusting them, and how human judgment remains irreplaceable in ensuring accuracy and reliability. Government professionals will gain insights on responsibly integrating AI into public sector workflows while maintaining transparency, accountability, and compliance.

The Journey

CPE Credit: 2 Hours (BEH)

Join current FGFOA officers and board members as they discuss their career progression and journeys.

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Avoiding Common Audit Findings in Local Government

CPE Credit: 2 Hours (AA)

Do you know what the most common audit findings are? Would you like to learn some practical strategies to address and prevent them? In this session, participants will gain valuable insights into internal control weaknesses, compliance issues, and reporting challenges, along with proven best practices to enhance financial management and minimize the risk of recurring findings.

Strategic and Financial Planning: Building Sustainable, Long-Term Government Budgets

CPE Credit: 2 Hours (TB)

A strategic vision means little without the financial framework to sustain it, and the ability to measure progress along the way. This session will equip government finance professionals with the tools to align strategic goals with long-term fiscal planning and evaluate project effectiveness through meaningful metrics. Learn how to build a multi-year financial forecast for governmental funds, integrate capital improvement planning, and assess the economic impact of new development on the budget. Explore practical approaches to stakeholder engagement, timeline development, and defining performance indicators that support a unified roadmap for long-term fiscal sustainability.

The One Big Beautiful Bill: What It Means for Governments

CPE Credit: 2 Hours (TB)

Unpack the contents of recent legislation and its impact on government agencies. Explore how tariffs, Department of Justice provisions, and other elements influence fiscal operations and compliance obligations.

The Gift That Keeps on Giving: The Mentoring Series

CPE Credit: 2 Hours (BEH)

The most successful leaders were developed with the help of trusted individuals who provided them with the necessary wisdom and support. Come and learn how some leaders "pay it forward" and mentor the next generation.

10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Legislative Update

CPE Credit: 1.5 Hours (TB)

This session will provide an overview of the 2026 Legislative Session, including a review of the bills that passed and failed and a discussion of their implications for local governments.

Follow the Money: Forensic Auditing in Action

CPE Credit: 1.5 Hours (AA)

This session will introduce participants to forensic auditing and fraud detection techniques. Using case studies and practical examples, attendees will learn how to identify red flags, apply simple detection methods, and understand the role and purpose of forensic audits in government finance. The focus will be on equipping finance professionals with the knowledge and tools needed to uncover fraud and respond effectively.

Driving Efficiency and Controls Through Hyperautomation

CPE Credit: 1.5 Hours (TB)

In today's fast-paced environment, local governments are leveraging hyperautomation to boost efficiency, strengthen internal controls, and do more with less. This session will explore how AI-driven analytics, process automation, and cloud integration streamline operations, reduce manual tasks, minimize errors, and improve compliance. Attendees will discover practical, real-world examples of automating routine processes, which can free up staff time and reduce costly mistakes. Whether new to automation or looking to expand its use, participants will leave with actionable strategies to transform everyday operations and meet growing demands with limited resources.

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**From Budgets to Breakthroughs:
Driving Results Through
Collaboration**

CPE Credit: 1.5 Hours (TB)

Effective government requires more than managing budgets—it demands strong collaboration across departments. This session will explore practical approaches to improve communication, coordinate initiatives, and align resources within your organization. Learn how to build trust, streamline decision-making, and work collectively to solve problems and achieve shared goals.

1:30 p.m. - 3:10 p.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Auditor General and Department
of Financial Services Update**

CPE Credit: 2 Hours (AA)

This session will review the latest updates from the Florida Auditor General and the Department of Financial Services. Participants will hear about recent audit trends, reporting requirements, legislative changes, and key initiatives affecting local governments. Learn what's new, what's on the horizon, and how these updates may impact your financial reporting and compliance responsibilities.

**Financial Policies: The Nuts and
Bolts**

CPE Credit: 2 Hours (TB)

This practical session will walk participants through the essential components of developing and implementing sound financial policies, including structuring policies, defining effective dates, and ensuring organization-wide adoption. We'll also explore strategies for determining appropriate financial reserves. Whether you're updating existing policies or starting from scratch, this session will provide actionable tools, real-world examples, and key considerations for maintaining fiscal health and long-term sustainability.

**The Secret Sauce for
Organizational Success:**

Lean Six Sigma

CPE Credit: 2 Hours (BEH)

How can the use of Lean Six Sigma principles lead to more efficient operations? The tone at the top is an important consideration. If leadership embraces the concepts, the rest of the organization will follow. Come and learn the concepts of Lean Six Sigma and the "culture" needed to make it successful. What started in the private sector has made its way to the public sector, and it requires a culture of breaking down silos and working as a team.

Rating Agency FAQs and Updates

CPE Credit: 2 Hours (TB)

This session will review all that local governments need to know to prepare for and begin a new rating process, including suggested pertinent information to support the rating agency's review. Panelists will discuss credit attributes associated with higher rated entities, and also factors that contribute to lower rating levels. Rating agency updates will also be discussed.

3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Getting Audit-Ready: Strategies to
Streamline and Simplify Your Next
Audit**

CPE Credit: 1.5 Hours (AA)

Ever wonder what auditors are really looking for and why the audit process can feel so time-consuming? In this session, participants will learn about common audit findings and gain practical strategies to prepare effectively, address potential issues in advance, and collaborate efficiently with auditors. You'll walk away with actionable tips to streamline the process, minimize disruptions, and help ensure your auditors are in and out as quickly as possible.

**Infrastructure Investment and
Public-Private Partnerships**

CPE Credit: 1.5 Hours (TB)

Explore the evolving landscape of infrastructure investment and the critical role of public-private partnerships in delivering sustainable, large-scale infrastructure projects. Participants will gain insights into financing mechanisms, risk allocation, regulatory frameworks, and successful case studies from around the world.

**Cybersecurity Risk and Social
Engineering: Empowering Finance
Teams to Navigate the Human
Factor**

CPE Credit: 1.5 Hours (TB)

This session will examine the intersection of social engineering, technology, and cybersecurity risk, focusing on the unique vulnerabilities within finance teams. Attendees will explore common attack tactics like phishing and baiting, and how emerging technologies can both expose and defend against these threats. The session will highlight the critical role of finance professionals in managing cyber risks through internal controls, access reviews, and vendor assessments, while emphasizing the importance of awareness, training, and ethical tech use to build organizational resilience.

**"Yes, We Can": Women in
Leadership Series**

CPE Credit: 1.5 Hours (BEH)

A panel of female leaders will discuss their own journeys, including the necessary skills and balancing acts, struggles, and successes. They'll also share how to inspire and support other women and the next generation to do great things.

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9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Elevate Your ACFR: Tips, Tools, and Techniques for Better Reporting

CPE Credit: 1.5 Hours (AA)

Designed for both beginners and experienced preparers, this session will cover the essential components of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and highlight best practices for producing a clean, reader-friendly report. Using examples from different types of governments, the session will emphasize common pitfalls to avoid and practical improvements that can elevate your ACFR.

TRIM Compliance: Insights and Lessons Learned

CPE Credit: 1.5 Hours (TB)

This panel will offer government finance professionals a clear overview of the Truth in Millage (TRIM) process, featuring experts from property tax, local government, and multi-county taxing authorities. Attendees will gain insights into millage calculations, compliance requirements, and effective inter-agency coordination to ensure transparency and accuracy. Panelists will also share practical lessons learned from recent TRIM cycles, highlighting common challenges, successful strategies, and best practices to help streamline future reporting and communication.

Treasury Innovations in the Public Sector: Real-World Successes

CPE Credit: 1.5 Hours (TB)

Explore how public-sector entities are modernizing treasury operations through virtual credit card programs, ACH payments, and fraud reduction strategies. This session will highlight practical case studies, rebate opportunities, and methods to reduce reliance on paper checks while strengthening financial security.

Situational Ethics

CPE Credit: 1.5 Hours (BEH)

State and local governments establish codes of ethics that we must abide by. However, we often face situations without clear ethical solutions. In this session, a panel of professionals will discuss specific case studies and their outcomes.

11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Demystifying Grants: A Strategic Approach to Success

CPE Credit: 1 Hour (TB)

Grants are vital for government funding, but effective management goes beyond tracking dollars. This session will offer practical strategies for finance professionals to enhance grant readiness, compliance, and performance. Learn how to align organizational capacity, meet funding requirements, and integrate grants into financial planning across the grant lifecycle. Ideal for both newcomers and experienced staff, this

session will help strengthen oversight, reduce audit risk, and maximize funding impact.

Excel Tips and Tricks: Boost Your Productivity and Master Key Features

CPE Credit: 1 Hour (TB)

Unlock the full potential of Excel with practical tips and tricks designed to save you time and increase accuracy. This session will cover powerful shortcuts, formulas, data visualization techniques, and automation tools that can streamline your daily tasks. Whether you're a beginner or looking to sharpen your skills, you'll leave with actionable strategies to work smarter and more efficiently in Excel.

Small Government Focus: Challenges and Best Practices

CPE Credit: 1 Hour (TB)

Florida's small governments and special districts often face unique challenges due to limited budgets and small staffs handling multiple responsibilities. This session will explore how these entities differ from larger counties and cities in terms of reporting requirements, compliance obligations, and day-to-day operations. Participants will learn best practices to help small governments improve efficiency, accountability, and financial management.

General Conference Information

ADVANCE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

All participants are encouraged to register in advance to avoid delays at the conference registration desk **and to receive housing information**. When your registration is received, a registration confirmation and housing information will be emailed. Your badge, tickets, and other information about the conference can be picked up upon arrival at the FGFOA Registration Desk.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

A convenient online registration option is available through the FGFOA website fgfoa.org.

You can pay directly online with a Visa, Mastercard, or American Express. Registrations submitted and paid online via credit card will automatically be marked as paid, and you will receive your conference confirmation and housing information immediately via email.

NOTE: If you need to pay by check, you can download a registration form from the website. To qualify for the early registration fee, your payment must be postmarked no later than **May 1, 2026**.

REGISTRATION FEES

To qualify for the early registration fee, all conference registrations must be received on or before **May 1, 2026**. Registration forms postmarked after May 1, 2026, will be processed at the specified late fee. The registration fees for the FGFOA Annual Conference are:

	EARLY FEE	LATE FEE
REGISTRATION FEES	5/1/2026	AFTER 5/1/2026
FGFOA Government Member	\$535.00	\$585.00
FGFOA Associate Member	\$610.00	\$660.00
FGFOA Nonmember	\$660.00	\$710.00
Lifetime Member	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINAR		
FGFOA Government Member	\$200.00	\$250.00
FGFOA Associate Member	\$225.00	\$275.00
FGFOA Nonmember	\$250.00	\$300.00
Lifetime Member	\$200.00	\$250.00
TUESDAY NIGHT GUEST REGISTRATION		
Adult Guest	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Child Guest (3-18)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00

Registrations are on an individual basis. The FGFOA does not permit the sharing of a registration between two attendees. Each attendee must have a separate registration and pay the full amount.

NOTE: Make sure your membership dues are current **BEFORE** registering. Anyone who is not a current paid member will be charged the **nonmember** rate, and **refund requests for this issue will NOT be accepted after May 29, 2026**.

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REGISTRATION PACKAGES

The member and nonmember registration fees include admission to all regular conference sessions, refreshment breaks, exhibit hall, Sunday's Association Night Reception, Monday's lunch in the exhibit hall, Tuesday's Luncheon, and the Tuesday Night Event. These fees do not cover Saturday's pre-conference seminar, lodging, or other meals.

GUEST REGISTRATION

Adult guest registrations include admittance to both Sunday's Association Night Reception and the Tuesday Night Event. Child (3-18) guest registrations include admittance to the Tuesday Night Event **ONLY**. All guests **must** have name badges to attend the Tuesday Night Event, so guest registration is required.

If a spouse or guest wants to attend sessions and be scanned for continuing education credits, they must register as a nonmember.

EXHIBITORS

Exhibitors are required to register individually for the conference if they plan to seek continuing education credits or are planning to attend any conference events after **6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15**. The registration fee covers all regular conference sessions, refreshment breaks, Sunday's Association Night Reception, Monday's lunch in the exhibit hall, Tuesday's Luncheon, and the Tuesday Night Event. The fee does not include Saturday's pre-conference seminars. If you have not yet secured an exhibit booth, please contact Meredith Montgomery at 850.701.3636 or mmontgomery@flcities.com.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

To qualify for advanced registration, all conference registrations must be received by FGFOA no later than **Friday, May 1, 2026**. After May 1, registrants will be subject to late registration fees.

REFUNDS

Conference registration cancellation requests must be sent via email to mhowe@flcities.com. All cancellations received in the FGFOA office by **5:00 p.m., Friday, May 29, 2026**, will receive refunds minus a **\$50.00** cancellation fee. Refunds will be issued after the conference. **No refunds can be made after May 29 or for early departure from the conference.** Registrations may be transferred to another individual with advance notice.

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HOTEL INFORMATION

This year, FGFOA attendees can choose from two Universal Orlando Resort properties. All conference events will take place at **Loews Sapphire Falls Resort**. The room rate at Sapphire is **\$230/night**, and self-parking is **\$20/day**. Located just across the street from Sapphire, **Universal's Aventura Hotel** offers a similar high-quality experience at a lower price point: **\$189/night** and **\$12/day** self-parking.

NOTE: The hotel will NOT accept any reservations by phone. See below for details.

HOTEL POLICIES

Check-in time is after 4:00 p.m. Check-out time is before 11:00 a.m. A credit card is required to hold a reservation. Tax-exempt forms must be shown at check-in or sent in advance. Note that a hold may be placed on your credit card for any incidentals at check-in. It is highly recommended that you NOT provide a debit card for this. See details in your registration confirmation email.

ROOM RESERVATIONS – IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

In recent years, many of our registrants have experienced the inconvenience of having to stay outside the host hotel. Our hotel room block has filled up sooner than expected, when some people make reservations “just in case” and later cancel when they cannot attend the event. By then, it is too late to help others who have booked into other properties and cannot cancel without a penalty.

As a result, our policy is that all hotel reservations are made via an **online link**, which you **will receive when the FGFOA has received your conference registration. Neither hotel will accept reservations by phone.** Once your registration is received, you will be emailed attendee-specific links to make your room reservation online.

Please note that the reservation cutoff date is **May 21, 2026**. It is important to register for the conference early so you have plenty of time to make your reservations. Note that the hotels may sell out before the cutoff date, and the FGFOA cannot guarantee rooms will be available at the time you make your reservations, **so please register for the conference and make your reservations as soon as possible.**