

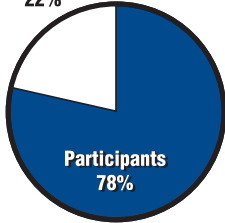
**Certificate of Achievement
for Excellence in Financial Reporting**

**Better
Financial
Reports**



GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Non-Participants
22%



**Percentage of cities
with a population over
100,000**

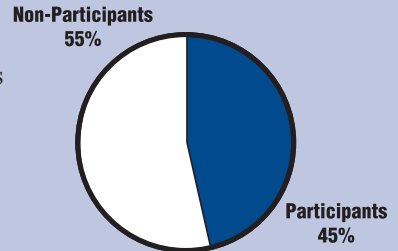
About the Program

The GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program has been promoting the preparation of high quality financial reports since 1945, and historically played a major role in improving the quality of financial reporting in the public sector. More than 3,500 governments participate in the program each year. Participants include governments of all levels (state and local), types (general-purpose and special-purpose), and sizes.

*To recognize
governments that prepare...*

Better Financial Reports

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program allows the public finance profession a welcome opportunity to recognize those governments that have, in fact, succeeded in preparing a high quality comprehensive annual financial report. This recognition can be viewed as a positive factor by credit rating agencies and by others interested in the professionalism of a government's finance function.



**Percentage of counties
with a population over
50,000**

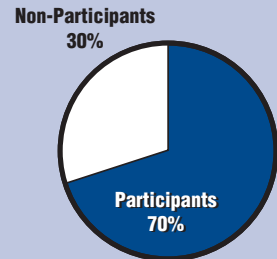
Always Affordable

A sliding fee scale based on revenues makes participation in the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program affordable for even the smallest governments.

*To encourage governments
to prepare...*

Better Financial Reports

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program is specifically designed to encourage state and local governments to prepare and issue a comprehensive annual financial report of the highest quality. Top-quality financial reporting is essential if governments are to be fully accountable to their citizens and to others with an interest in the government's finances.

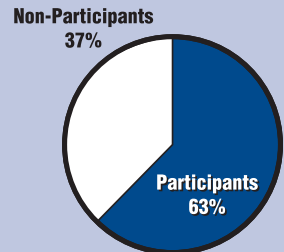


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*To assist governments
to prepare...*

Better Financial Reports

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program actively strives to assist participating governments to achieve the goal of preparing top-quality comprehensive annual financial reports. Program participants benefit from access to a wealth of technical material specifically designed to help them comply with program requirements. They also profit from a thorough confidential review of their comprehensive annual financial report.



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About the GFOA

For over a century, the GFOA has been dedicated to enhancing the professional management of governments for the public benefit.



The GFOA has been accomplishing this mission by identifying and developing the highest quality financial policies and practices and promoting them to the public through education, training, and leadership.

Government finance professionals rely upon the GFOA to provide timely information, practical educational opportunities, high quality professional publications, and the latest information on best practices.