



Government Finance Officers Association

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INTERNET-BASED
COURSE

Introduction to Governmental Accounting for Non-Accountants

November 14, 2018, and again on January 17, 2019
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm (ET)

NEW

LEVEL: Basic

CPE CREDITS: 2 (based on a 50-minute hour)

FIELD OF STUDY: Accounting – Governmental

PREREQUISITE: None

Speaker:

Stephen J. Gauthier, GFOA Honorary Member and Consultant, Wheaton, Illinois

Who Will Benefit:

Finance professionals in the state and local government sector with either no background or only a limited background in accounting and financial reporting.

Program Description:

Accounting and financial reporting form an essential component of the informational infrastructure that undergirds state and local government finance. Decisions are only as good as the information that supports them. This two-hour internet training provides an introduction designed to equip participants to better understand and profit from state and local government financial reports.

Seminar Objectives:

Those completing this seminar will be able:

- To understand the role of accounting and financial reporting in the governmental environment
- To understand who the “players” are (financial statement users, preparers, auditors)
- To understand the “rules of the game” (generally accepted accounting principles – GAAP)
- To understand what *fund accounting* is and how it works (fund categories and fund types)
- To understand *what* different funds measure and *when* they measure it (measurement focus and basis of accounting)
- To understand government-wide financial statements and their relationship to fund financial statements (how does the information differ and why?)
- To understand where to look for additional information to help understand the financial statements and how to use that information (comprehensive annual financial report)

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It's Easy to Participate

- GFOA's internet training is delivered to attendees via a secure website and audio conferencing service.

Equipment Needed

- A computer with a web browser to view the presentation. If you have speakers for your computer, you will be able to listen to the training using them.
- If you do not have speakers for your computer, you will need a phone to listen to the presentation. (Speaker phone recommended, but not required.)

How It Works

- Participants will receive an e-mail invitation containing a link with instructions at the beginning of the week the course will be taking place from the e-mail address **messenger@webex.com**. (Please add this e-mail address to your “allowed senders list.”)
- Materials can be viewed on a secure internet site.
- Questions can be asked at any time during the course, and interactive exercises will test your mastery of the material.
- To join the event more quickly, you can set up Event Manager before the event starts.
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