

10 Steps

TO ESTABLISHING A GFOA STUDENT CHAPTER

Local governments need to cultivate the next generation of skilled professionals, and GFOA offers an exciting opportunity for aspiring finance professionals through its student chapter program. Ambitious students can use this ten-step program to establish a GFOA student chapter in their cities, providing a platform for growth, networking, and professional development.



1 Familiarize yourself with GFOA. Start by gaining an in-depth understanding of GFOA's mission, goals, and values. Explore the website, review the publications, and research the student chapter program requirements in your area.

2 Form an organizing committee. Gather a group of enthusiastic people who share a passion for government finance. Appoint key positions within the committee, such as president, vice president, and so on.

3 Seek faculty support. Approach supportive faculty members who can provide guidance and serve as advisors.

Collaborate with them to make sure the chapter aligns with educational goals and offers meaningful opportunities to fellow students.

4 Create a constitution. Draft a constitution that outlines the purpose, objectives, membership criteria, and governance structure of the student chapter. This document will serve as the foundation for the chapter's activities and operations.

5 Gain official recognition. Work closely with your college or university administration to secure official recognition for the GFOA student chapter. Comply with any necessary requirements such as registering as a student organization.

6 Build a membership base. Promote the student chapter within your campus community and engage students who are interested in government finance. Organize information sessions and networking events and collaborate with other finance-related student organizations to expand your reach.

7 Develop engaging programs and activities. Design a diverse range of programs and activities to enrich the professional development of your members. Arrange guest lectures, workshops, and seminars featuring finance experts, practitioners, and government officials. Plan networking events and field visits to local government offices or financial institutions.

8 Collaborate with local GFOA chapters. Establish connections with local GFOA chapters and professionals. Seek opportunities for joint events, mentorship programs, and guidance on industry trends and best practices.

9 Participate in GFOA events. Encourage your student chapter members to attend GFOA conferences, workshops, and training programs. This will provide exposure to the broader government finance community, fostering professional growth and networking opportunities.

10 Measure success and sustainability. Regularly evaluate the impact and success of your student chapter. Monitor membership engagement, program attendance, and feedback from members. Continuously refine your strategies to ensure the chapter's sustainability and effectiveness. 📊

Participate in GFOA's PAFR Fellowship Program

GFOA's Student Chapter at Brigham Young University will be participating in the PAFR Fellows Program this fall. The program, designed to encourage governments to develop a Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the first time, is now recruiting governments to take part. Participating in the program is free to GFOA members and provides local governments with a small team of grad students who will work with your staff to develop a PAFR document.

➔ gfoa.org/pafr-fellowship-program

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➔ gfoa.org/student-opportunities