



**RHODE ISLAND
GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION**

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Date _____
Full Name of Applicant (Type or Print) _____
Full Name of Spouse (Type or Print) _____
Title of Position _____
Name of Business Organization _____
Business Address _____ Residence Address _____
City _____ City _____
State _____ State _____
Zip Code _____ Zip Code _____
Business Phone Number _____ Residence Phone Number _____
E-Mail Address _____

I, undersigned hereby make application for membership in the Rhode Island Government Finance Officers' Association and agree to conform to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.

Type of Membership: (Please circle one)

Active - Includes all people working for a state agency or municipality. -\$50.00

Associate - Includes all people working for private industry. - \$60.00

Signature of Applicant _____

To apply for membership a candidate should complete the application in its entirety. A check for the applicable amount, for the dues, per year, must accompany this application. Make payment to R.I Government Finance Officers' Association and mail your dues remittance and application to:

**Carolyn Cleary
City of Newport
43 Broadway
Newport, RI 02840**

RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

The Rhode Island government Finance Officers Association (R.I.G.F.O.A.) is a professional nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Rhode Island.

The purpose of the organization shall be to improve methods of state and municipal finance including:

- 1) To provide an educational forum for appropriate procedures of accounting, budgeting, planning and financial reporting by municipal, state and federal governmental units:
- 2) To encourage the use of common terminology, classifications and principles relating to these subjects:
- 3) To develop general principles of economy and efficiency in federal, state and municipal government administration:
- 4) To bring about the enlistment and training of qualified public officials and employees, and:
- 5) To cooperate with the Government Finance Officer's Association of the United States and Canada, and similar organizations, in order to promote and encourage a closer relationship among those engaged in finance in the municipal, state and federal service.

There are regular quarterly meetings during the business year as well as special meetings that may be called by the executive board. Guest lecturers are invited to speak on relevant topics. Professional training seminars and professional development education credits are offered to members.

The R.I.G.F.O.A. is governed by an executive board consisting of eleven active members of the association. The executive board supervises and controls the affairs of the association.

Two forms of membership are offered by the association. **Active members** include all people working for the State of Rhode Island or a municipality. Active membership enjoys voting rights. **Associate members** include all people working for private industry, such as bankers, lawyers and Certified Public Accountants. Associate members carry non voting rights: however they are encouraged to join committees and assist in establishing policy procedures.

The executive board appoints several committees to undertake important projects and stay in touch with events and make policy recommendations to the executive board. Any and all policies are subject to approval by the membership.

A sample of the committees that are active in the R.I.G.F.O.A. are as follows:

- 1) **Planning Committee** - undertake research projects pertaining to the association.
- 2) **Legislative Committee** - prepare necessary legislation to be submitted to the Rhode Island Legislature and expedite such legislation through final approval, as well as to be a watchdog to any legislation that might be introduced.
- 3) **Membership Committee** - recommend suitable candidates for membership. Develop informational brochure and maintain a current membership list.
- 4) **Program Committee** - prepare programs for all regular and annual meetings.
- 5) **Publicity and Public Relations Committee** - prepare news and television releases concerning the work of this association.

The R.I.G.F.O.A. represents the link between you, the member, and all segments of the entire public finance management profession.

The R.I.G.F.O.A. organization builds its strength from the whole - members joined together to seek quality and innovation through common goals.