

## MEMBERSHIP FEES SCHEDULE

**EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2020**

**AMENDED DATE: November 20, 2019**

**REVIEWED DATE: November 20, 2019**

The membership fee structure of GFOA Alberta is established with a number of objectives in mind.

- 1) Fees should encourage finance professionals from all sizes of local governments to join and remain as members.
- 2) The fee structure should encourage maximizing membership. Fees should cover certain administrative cost and contain a formula to allow for annual fee adjustments
- 3) Fees will ensure priority access to GFOA Alberta Conferences, education and training courses.
- 4) Fees should be favourably compared to other competing organizations.
- 5) Growth in membership. The fee structure should encourage added memberships in existing municipalities and foster new memberships.
- 6) Revenue generation. Revenues must be at a level that supports the new initiatives established in the Business Plan.
- 7) Equitable fees between municipalities. The fees should be based on size of municipality and ability to pay, which is congruent with the international fee structure.
- 8) Simplicity and ease of administration.

Fees for 2020 have been simplified. All membership fees are for the calendar year and are due prior to March 31st.

2020 Membership fees for GFOA Alberta are as follows:

### Active Members

Population of Municipality		Base Fee			Maximum Paid Members	Maximum Fee per Municipality
		Per member	Number Included	Fee for Additional Members		
-	2,000	\$38	1	\$38	4+ members	\$152
2,001	10,000	\$73	1	\$73	4+ members	\$292
10,001	50,000	\$91	1	\$91	8+ members	\$728
50,001	150,000	\$104	1	\$104	9+ members	\$936
150,001	2,000,000	\$124	1	\$124	18+ members	\$2,232

### Example

Using New Sampleford as an example, the fees for this organization would be as follows:

New Sampleford has a population of 50,650 and would like to purchase memberships for 14 of their Finance staff. One member would be included in the base fee of \$104. The next 8 members would pay \$104 per member which would be an additional \$832 (8 x \$104) bringing the total membership fee to the maximum fee of \$936. The remaining 5 members would be included at no additional cost to the municipality.

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The following are additional types of memberships and their associated fees:

### Associate Members

AUMA / RMA	\$115	Per Person
Accounting Firms	\$115	Per Person
Other	\$115	Per Person

Associate Member - any person not eligible for active membership who is interested in the principles and practices of governmental finance and who subscribes to the purposes of the Association.

### Voting Active Members

Federal Government	\$115	Per Person
Provincial Government	\$115	Per Person
Alberta Municipal Affairs	\$79	Per Person

Active Member - includes any person employed in the public sector in the province who has governmental accounting or financial responsibility, regardless of their title. The public sector is defined as including:

- local government
- provincial government
- federal government
- public agencies affiliated with local government

### Non-voting Active Member

Out of Province	\$110	Per Person
Retirees from Local Government	\$25	Shielded from Revenue Increases
Students Interested in Local Government	\$25	Shielded from Revenue Increases until student status is complete
Finance Interns of Municipalities	\$0	Fees included with Municipality

Non-voting Active Member - includes any person employed in the public sector (not in the province) who has governmental accounting or financial responsibility, regardless of their title. The public sector is defined as including:

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### New Members

- The membership fee for new GFOA members will depend on when the application is made for membership.
  - If the membership request is before the annual conference date, a full membership fee will be assessed.
  - If the membership request is after the annual conference, the membership fee will be waived.
  - In both cases, members will be added to the membership list and renewal instructions will be sent in the following year at the full membership fee level.

### GST

GST will be added to all membership fees.

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## Honourary Memberships

The Board may use its discretion to provide honorary memberships on an annual basis.

### Definitions

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Member in Good Standing - a person who has paid his/her current year membership fee prior to being involved in an Association vote, decision, or activity; except as provided for under Bylaw Articles No. 6 and No. 7 hereinafter.

Population – the population of the municipality will be defined using the population statistics provided by Alberta Municipal Affairs at the time the membership fee is paid.

- The GFOA Alberta's Membership Schedule shall be reviewed annually by Administration in conjunction with budget planning.