



## Purpose

- Prepare individuals to assume the duties and roles of a state agency chief fiscal officer.
- Use the extensive resources in state government to share experiences and information to train future state agency fiscal officers.
- Cultivate a highly competent professional group, capable of providing state government the leadership that Texans deserve.



## Nominee Qualifications

Nominees for this academy should have at least two years of experience with the State as accountants, auditors, economists, budget officers, purchasing officers, or similar financial management positions. In addition, nominees should display an interest in and aptitude for leadership and management.

Nominations are due November 10, 2025. The academy will notify the selected participants no later than January 12, 2026.

## Tuition and Commitment

Each agency that sponsors a participant is responsible for the tuition of \$300 and any travel and meal expenses. Tuition must be paid in full no later than January 30, 2026. A commitment to attend the three weeks of training will be required of participating agencies and the participants. If a participant misses more than 8 hours of class time, they will be allowed to complete the training program but will not be considered a graduate of the academy.

The time commitment to TFOA is substantial. In addition to course attendance, participants will have a rigorous group assignment each week of class, requiring time-intensive deliverables.



### Curriculum

The curriculum is divided into three areas:

- The Art of the Budget Process
- Fiscal Management
- Accountability and Transparency



### Class Schedule

The three, one-week sessions for the Texas Fiscal Officers' Academy will be held at the [Barbara Jordan Building](#) in Austin.

- Session I: February 23 - 27, 2026
- Session II: March 23 - 27, 2026
- Session III: April 27 - May 1, 2026



### Speakers

The academy is practitioner-based, featuring experienced state agency officials and other experts involved in the financial management of state agencies with real-life situations, hands-on activities, and networking opportunities.



### Continuing Education Credits

Participants will be eligible for continuing education credits. Certificates of completion will be awarded to participants who successfully complete the academy.

Nominations must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 10, 2025.

Please email your nomination to [denise.messina@sao.texas.gov](mailto:denise.messina@sao.texas.gov).

If you have questions, reach out to Denise Messina at the email address above or 512-936-9558.