

How to Apply for the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award



Why Governments Strive to Earn the GFOA Award



Governments that win:

- Are recognized as leaders amongst their peers
- Build confidence and trust within their community
- Assure residents that tax dollars are spent appropriately
- Adopt best practices in government budgeting

Winning budget documents are an outstanding:

- Policy document
- Operations guide
- Financial plan
- Communication tool

Earning a GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award shows residents your commitment to financial transparency, accountability, and accessibility.

Applying is easier than you think!

How to Apply: Step-by-Step

1 Confirm Eligibility

Open to submissions from any type of government at either the state or local level.

States, cities, counties, special districts, school districts, and retirement systems.

2 Familiarize Yourself with the Criteria Guide

GFOA [detailed criteria explanation](#) - Know what you need to include before getting started.

[Best practices](#) - Tips to guide you through the entire budget process.

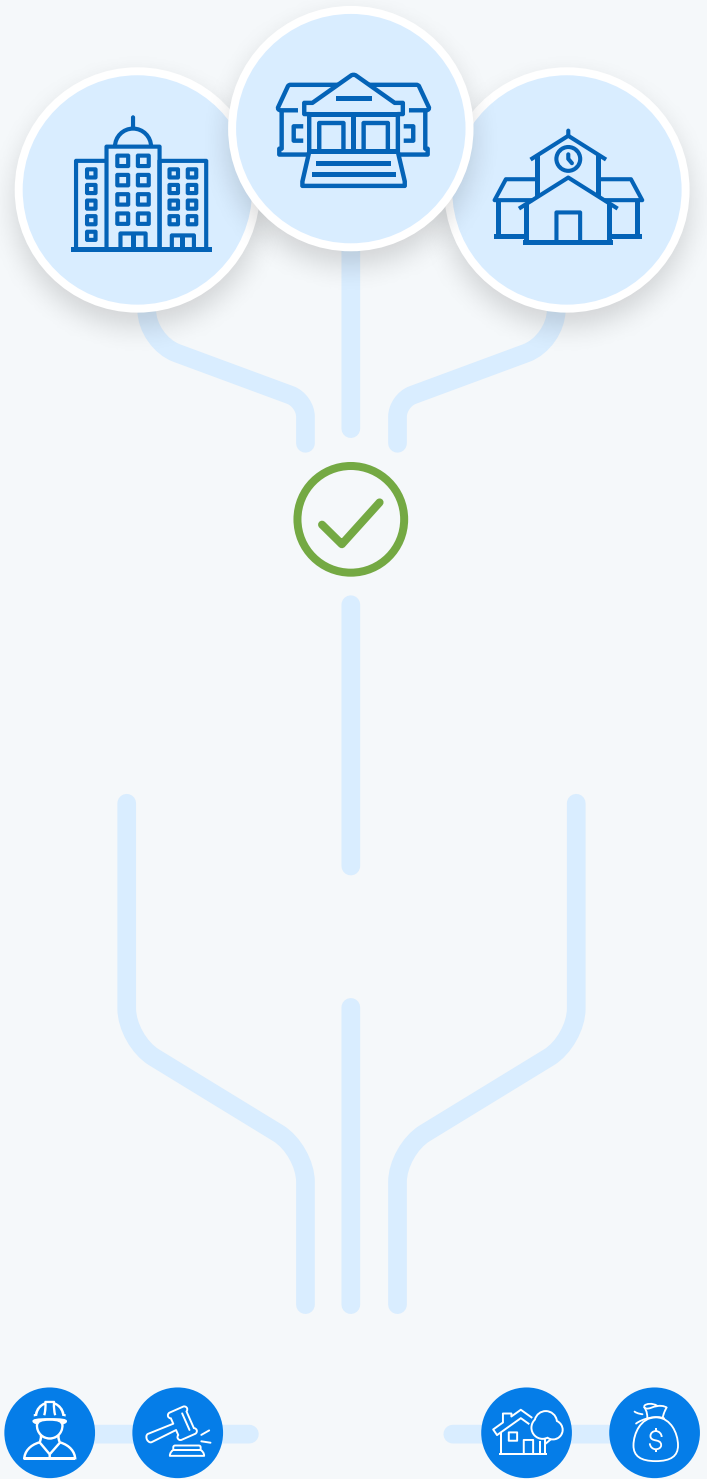
[Sample scoring guide](#) - Shows how your budget scores as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communication tool.

3 Download and Complete the Location Criteria Guide for Your Municipality

[Criteria Location Guide](#) - Tells GFOA budget reviewers what pages of your budget correspond to award criteria.

4 Fill Out the Budget Award Application Online

[Start Your Application Here](#) - Enter your information, upload your budget, and hit Submit!



Meet and Exceed GFOA Award Criteria with ClearGov

Municipalities, counties, special districts, and school districts across the country [turn to ClearGov Digital Budget Book](#) because it's the industry's first web-based solution to automate most of the budget book creation process using templates and data-driven graphics. GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award criteria are built-in to ClearGov's framework and templates along with an easy-to-follow checklist – making it easy to meet and exceed every GFOA award requirement!

