

*A World of Opportunities
at Your Finger Tips*



Become a Member

Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants

About the Georgia Society of CPAs

The Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants strives to help each member achieve their vision of the future by...

- Providing leadership in a changing environment,
- Offering opportunities to learn and demonstrate skills critical to success,
- Promoting and advancing the accounting profession, and
- Fostering high standards of integrity and objectivity

Membership in the Georgia Society of CPAs offers many professional and personal benefits. Whether you are in public practice, industry, government, or education, GSCPA membership means far more than simply receiving reduced rates for CPE programs. It is the connection to your professional community, opportunities for personal and professional growth and a chance to make a difference. The Society can keep you up-to-date with the latest developments affecting your profession through quality continuing education, state-wide legislative efforts and top-notch communication vehicles. The GSCPA also offers you the chance to get involved in your professional and local community, while making important career connections. **Your success is our business.**

THE GEORGIA SOCIETY OF CPAS...

YOUR ADVOCATE FOR THE PROFESSION

Questions? Contact the Georgia Society of CPAs' Member Services Department at 404-504-2986 or memberservices@gscpa.org.

Member Connections

As a member, the GSCPA will become your networking center for professional contacts. Volunteer leaders meet regularly to design and implement programs that will provide maximum benefit to all members, and help recruit individuals into the accounting profession through the Society's committees, task forces, special-interest sections and regionalized chapters. Participation with the Society will bring you in contact with the most successful and knowledgeable CPAs in Georgia.

The GSCPA aims to keep members well informed about the latest accounting news, educational opportunities, and society-related business through print and electronic vehicles. The web site, www.gscpa.org, provides up-to-date information on professional and educational offerings, regulations and legislative issues, member activities and benefits.

Chapters

There are 22 regionalized chapters throughout the state; each chapter elects their own officers and conducts their own meetings. Chapter meetings incorporate CPE programs, community involvement and social events. Getting involved with a chapter will allow you to be involved with the accounting profession at a local level and may offer great opportunities for participation in a leadership position.

Special Interest Sections

The Georgia Society of CPAs' Sections are member communities that offer peer networking, information resources, and educational programs centered on specific areas of practice or expertise. As online resources, sections allow members to overcome time and distance barriers for accessing information, services, and communication with peers in specific interest areas. Membership in a section is self-designated by the member; there is no cost to join a section and members may belong to as many sections as they choose.

GSCPA Sections

- Assurance Services
- CPAs in Industry
- Estate and Financial Planning
- Healthcare
- Information Technology
- Management of an Accounting Practice (MAP)
- Real Estate
- Taxation
- Valuation and Litigation Services

Member Connections

Committees and Task Forces

Much of the work done by the Georgia Society of CPAs is accomplished by volunteers on committees and task forces. These “work teams” provide a great opportunity to network with other members, expand your knowledge, and be of service to the profession. The Society’s committees actively promote the accounting profession to high school and college students through various programs, events, and new initiatives. Other committees focus solely on the opportunities for social, educational and professional interaction among young CPAs. All of the GSCPA’s committees and task forces operate with specific objectives for programs and special activities during the year that benefit the Society members and accounting profession in a unique way.

Leadership Academy

The Georgia Society of CPAs is proud to offer the Leadership Academy exclusively to Society members. The Academy motivates members to apply leadership skills learned to their company, organization, and personal life. Participants will learn to develop high-performance teams that get results because they know how to lead a team - not just manage it. Participants become empowered with skills to increase productivity, life morale, and improve quality.

Conferences and Networking Opportunities

The Society hosts 16 annual conferences, each with field-specific content, throughout the state of Georgia every year. Additionally, the GSCPA Annual Convention is an opportunity for members and their families to attend CPE courses and participate in social activities with fellow members. The Society’s conferences and Annual Convention are all outstanding opportunities to earn quality CPE while networking with your peers and counterparts.

Each year the GSCPA hosts an annual Distinguished Speakers Dinner. Members from across the state come together for dinner, networking, and CPE. Each year a special guest speaker highlights the program. Past speakers include William J. McDonough, Chairman of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board; Governor Sonny Perdue; and Lynn Brewer, former Enron executive and author of *House of Cards: Confessions of an Enron Executive*.

Professional Resources

CPE

Members of the Georgia Society of CPAs receive a \$50 discount off the standard registration fee on Continuing Professional Education (CPE) events. The Society's extensive CPE program offers over 500 accredited seminars and 16 conferences annually. CPE is available through seminars, conferences, self-study, web casts, customized in-house programs, section events and chapter meetings. Programs are not only scheduled year-round, but also in over fifteen cities across Georgia in order to meet the professional needs of all members in public accounting, industry, government and education.

Top-rated instructors conduct seminars in every aspect of accounting. Registration is available online, by mail, fax or telephone. Additionally, the Society's CPE Department tracks all GSCPA credits earned by members and prepares a CPE transcript that is available any time on the Society's website or by request.

Career Center

The GSCPA, in partnership with CareerBank.com, has developed an excellent online Career Center. The Society's career center will assist you in finding top-notch employees to staff your firm or company, looking for the perfect position that will enable you to reach your potential, and getting the latest information on the industries job market.

CPA Referral Service

The Society hosts an online CPA Referral Service database that allows the general public, individuals and businesses to search for accounting firms by location, industry, and client services. Member's firms are invited to advertise their firm on the Society's Referral Service.

Peer Review

Today's CPA must provide the highest degree of service with the greatest level of professionalism. The Society ensures quality control by assuring that member firms are performing at a level that meets or exceeds professional standards accepted by the State Board of Accountancy.

Professional Resources

Web Site

The Society's website allows members to keep track of individual CPE courses, connect directly with fellow members, access chapter newsletters, pay dues and so much more! Access all the information you need on the GSCPA website: www.gscpa.org. Find all the necessary tools and resources for your professional development in one place. We've done the research so you don't have to.

Legislative Representation

The GSCPA monitors State and Federal legislation regarding all matters affecting the accounting profession. Working with the Georgia Department of Revenue, the Society sponsors legislation that provides a positive impact on businesses and consumers in Georgia. The Society also opens the lines of communication between the IRS and GSCPA members and regularly provides feedback on the accuracy of their notices. The Society regularly meets with our Representatives and Congressmen in Washington, DC to discuss timely issues that impact the accounting profession.



Member Benefits

Insurance

GSCPA members' insurance needs are served by Pritchard & Jerden, the Society's administrator for all your insurance requirements. Pritchard & Jerden offers a variety of affordable insurance plans in the areas of health, life, dental, disability, and long-term care.

Image Enhancement

Through a comprehensive print and broadcast advertising program, the GSCPA promotes the expertise of the CPA in the areas of assurance services, information technology, financial planning, and business consulting. The program, along with ongoing media contacts, positions the Certified Public Accountant as the premier financial advisor.

The Georgia Society of CPAs is committed to helping improve financial literacy among Georgians. In partnership with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and as a part of a national effort known as "360 Degrees of Financial Literacy," the GSCPA seeks to educate the public about fiscal responsibility, money management, and other financial issues through a variety of local programs and resources.

Membership Affinity Partners

Members can take advantage of group discounts through offers from the Society's exclusive affinity partners. The GSCPA has partnered with a variety of companies to offer you the best prices on products and services that will enable you to perform in your position with ease. Discounts are available from Hertz, Georgia Telco Credit Union, MBNA WorldPoints Master Card, Liberty Mutual, and InView Vision.

Reinstatement

If you allow your membership to lapse, and you decide to rejoin the Society, you are required to submit a new membership application, pay your annual dues, and pay the reinstatement fee of \$50.

Membership Status

The Georgia Society of CPAs offers two membership classes - Fellow and Associate. Upon becoming a GSCPA member, you will be asked to choose one of the two classes that describes your current standing.

FELLOW

CPAs, whether or not in practice, who hold either a current or expired permit to practice issued by Georgia or any other State Board of Accountancy.

ASSOCIATE

1. Persons who have taken the examination prescribed by the State Board of Accountancy as a prerequisite to becoming Certified Public Accountants in Georgia, and who continue to take the examination at least annually until they have passed all parts of the examination.
2. Persons (other than Certified Public Accountants) employed on the professional and/or administrative staffs of practicing Certified Public Accountants of Georgia.
3. Members in good standing of the Georgia Association of Accounting Instructors who are full-time faculty members of an accredited college or university in Georgia.
4. Persons in addition to the foregoing who have passed the examination prescribed by the State Board of Accountancy as a prerequisite to becoming Certified Public Accountants in Georgia, but who have not yet received their certificates.



Membership Dues

Please pay membership dues in full. Do not prorate. Annual dues are due June 1 each year.

**96.3 percent of membership dues may be deducted as a business expense, but not as a charitable contribution. 3.7 percent of the membership dues is estimated for lobbying, and therefore not deductible in accordance with IRS Sec. 6033.*

Educational Foundation

The purpose of the Educational Foundation of the Georgia Society of CPAs is to aid and advance education and research relating to the study, teaching, and practice of accounting and allied fields. The Foundation has continued to be a leader in supporting accounting students and faculty, and in raising the awareness of the importance of accounting education to CPAs and others in the business community. Funding for the Educational Foundation comes almost exclusively from GSCPA member contributions.

Continuing programs of the Educational Foundation include support for accounting programs (funds provided by local chapters for these purposes are matched by the Foundation), the Accounting Educator of the Year Award, the Academic Excellence Award for superior accounting majors, and the Gold Key Award, which is presented to high scorers on the CPA exam.

***Contributions to the Educational Foundation are tax deductible as charitable contributions.*

Bylaws

The Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants bylaws can be reviewed by visiting www.gscpa.org.

GSCPA Chapter Dues

CHAPTER	DUES
Albany	\$0
Atlanta (Downtown area)	\$10
Augusta	\$20
Buckhead	\$15
Coastal Georgia	\$20
Columbus	\$15
DeKalb	\$15
Gwinnett (Norcross, Lawrenceville, Lilburn area)	\$15
Heart of Georgia (Dublin area)	\$0
Middle Georgia (Macon area)	\$15
North Atlanta (Marietta, Smyrna area)	\$15
North Perimeter (Sandy Springs, Roswell, Dunwoody, Alpharetta area)	\$15
Northeast Georgia (Gainesville, Toccoa, Athens area)	\$20
Northwest Georgia (Dalton area)	\$15
Rome	\$10
Savannah	\$20
Southeast Georgia (Statesboro area)	\$15
Southwest Georgia (Bainbridge area)	\$10
Southside (College Park, East Point area)	\$25
Valdosta	\$25
Waycross	\$0
West Georgia (Carrollton area)	\$10
Member-at-Large	\$0

GSCPA Chapter Map



Names & Codes

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Northwest Georgia (NW) | 9. DeKalb (De) | 16. Southeast Georgia (SE) |
| 2. Rome (Ro) | 10. Atlanta (At) | 17. Albany (Al) |
| 3. Northeast Georgia (NE) | 11. Southside (SS) | 18. Waycross (Wa) |
| 4. West Georgia (WG) | 12. Augusta (Au) | 19. Savannah (Sa) |
| 5. North Atlanta (NA) | 13. Columbus (Co) | 20. Southwest Georgia (SW) |
| 6. North Perimeter (NP) | 14. Middle Georgia (MG) | 21. Valdosta (Va) |
| 7. Buckhead/Lenox (BH) | 15. Heart of Georgia (HG) | 22. Brunswick (Br) |
| 8. Gwinnett (Gw) | | |

Membership Application



For office use only:

Application #: _____ Deposit Amount: _____
Date Approved: _____ Deposit Date: _____

Please process my application as a:

- Fellow Member
 Associate Member

I am reinstating my membership:

- Yes
 No

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First	Middle	Last	Suff (Jr., III, etc.)
Nickname		Gender	
Home Address			
Date of Birth		Name of Spouse	
Home Phone		Home Email Address	
Preferred Mailing Address: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Office			

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Firm/Company Name	Position
Business Address	
Business Phone	Business Fax
Business Email Address	
Type of Business:	<input type="checkbox"/> CPA Firm <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Other

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CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Are you under investigation or sanction by the Georgia State Board of Accountancy or the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)?

Yes No If yes, please attach a statement of explanation to this application.

If you are applying for **Associate** membership, please indicate the category that applies (see list on page 7). _____

If you are applying for **Fellow** membership, please complete the following certification information:

CPA License Number: _____ Date Issued: _____ State Issued: _____

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Members have the option to join a chapter or be a Member-at-Large. Please indicate your chapter preference (see map on page 12). _____

AICPA Member? Yes No AICPA Member Number _____

Declarations: *The facts stated in this application are correct.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES

*Membership Dues

Associate \$85 Fellow \$175

**Reinstatement Fee

\$50

Chapter Dues

_____ Chapter
(dues listed on page 9)

*Contribution to Educational Foundation

Voluntary Contribution \$25

**Please see description on page 8*

***Please see description on page 6*

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____

Check Enclosed: Personal Firm Check# _____

Credit Card: Visa MasterCard American Express

Card# _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature: _____

Amount Paid: _____

To submit your membership application, please fax to
the attention of Member Services at 404-237-1291.

Or, mail to:

GSCPA

Attn: Member Services Department

3353 Peachtree Road, Suite 400

Atlanta, GA 30326-1414



Atlanta Financial Center
North Tower, Suite 400
3353 Peachtree Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30326-1414

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Take advantage of the
personal and professional
benefits, and services the
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has to offer.