



County Official Orientation Program

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Certified County Finance Officer (CCFO) Program



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Joint program by the University of TN - County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS) and the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury – Division of Local Government Audit

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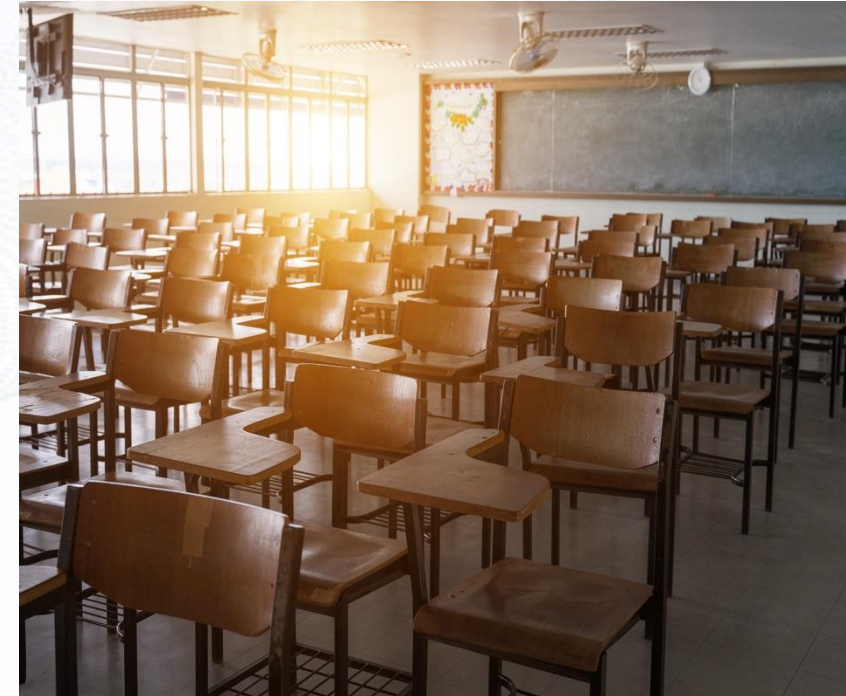
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Why CCFO?



CCFO Course Information

- 11 full-day courses (10 in-person & 1 virtual)
- **Topics:** internal controls, budgeting, purchasing, risk management, payroll, cash & grants management, debt, accounting & financial reporting
- Kingsport, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Cookeville, Pulaski, Nashville, Jackson, & Memphis
- **Monthly** economic impact of savings for each class **\$135,000**



CCFO History and Statistics



- ❖ Cohort #1 graduated in 2019
- ❖ Cohort #6 - **241** graduated on August 13, 2026
- ❖ **790** CCFO active graduates

CCFO Participants

- **One-time \$1,000 stipend**
(elected/appointed officials are not eligible)
- State reimburses counties for course fees & travel
- County **BOE CCFOs** are critical since their budget is **65%+ total county budget**
- CCFOs complete **16 hours of annual CPE**



Elected Officials - CCFO

Graduates include several elected officials across the state

Mayors

Director of Schools

County Clerks

Registers

County Commissioners

Trustees

Court Clerks

However, elected or Appointed Officials are not eligible for the stipend

Other Initiatives

- Develop free online CPE courses
- **Basic County Finance** - 267 enrolled & 186 completed as of 6/30/2026
- Collaborate with MTAS & Comptroller's Office on emerging issues
- Present CPE at various stakeholder conferences & meetings (*\$100,000 fraud prevention*)
- Provide financial practice aids on CTAS website
- Provide technical accounting assistance to CTAS County Consultants and CCFO graduates

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