

HFMA Fellowship Renewed

June 2020

The FHFMA (Fellow) designation is an honor designation bestowed in recognition of demonstrated financial management expertise and distinguished service in the healthcare financial management industry. As part of this vision, HFMA expects Fellows to demonstrate ongoing discipline expertise and contribute to professional learning in the field.

HFMA Fellows promote the exchange of knowledge and sound business practices in the health care financial management field. They do so by accessing relevant HFMA resources, sharing and integrating HFMA resources into business planning and operations, and creating and adding to HFMA's collection of professional practice assets. HFMA Fellows increase HFMA's visibility and impact as a national health care educational organization.

The revised application will be launched in June 2020. HFMA will continue to support members' professional development and assist applicants on a case-by-case basis, as necessary.

- For those who are considering becoming an HFMA Fellow (FHFMA) but have not yet begun preparing, we recommend waiting and use the new application available in June 2020.
- For those that have been actively preparing for Fellowship under the current application guidelines, we encourage you to continue with your application process. HFMA will work with individuals to complete the application process honoring the current requirements, as needed.

Revised FHFMA Application Prerequisites

- Minimum five (5) years membership in HFMA
- Hold the *Certified Healthcare Financial Professional* (CHFP) designation
- Evidence of Bachelor or master's degree
- **New June 2020:** Letter of Recommendation from an FHFMA (active HFMA Fellow) or chapter leader (*Non-HFMA chapter leader acceptable, such as ASAE, AHIMA, ACHE, etc.*)
- **Revised June 2020:** Volunteer Activity - Demonstrate any one of the following contributions to HFMA or the industry within the three years prior to applying:
 - Preparation and publication of one or more professional articles in a publication accepted as authoritative in the healthcare industry
 - Service as an adjunct instructor at an accredited (post-secondary school) educational institution
 - Service in an education, certification, or leadership committee role within the local HFMA chapter or service on one of the HFMA association boards or committees
 - Demonstrating a minimum of 10 Hours in the service or preparation of one of the following:
 - Speaking to community groups on health care issues
 - Providing internal staff education on healthcare finance topics
 - Presenting at an HFMA educational program (either association, regional or chapter-level)
 - Presenting at a related healthcare industry (state hospital association, AHIMA, etc.) educational program
 - Assistance to those desiring HFMA certification or fellowship designation
 - Mentorship of healthcare finance professionals (formal or informal transmission of knowledge relevant to work, career, or professional development, including career advancement and/or networking, leadership development, organizational growth & strategic planning, etc.)

Questions? Email careerservices@hfma.org.