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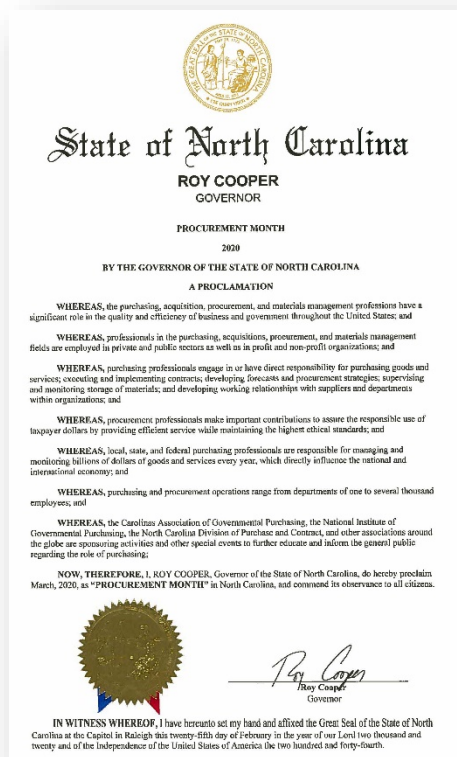


Procurement Month & Proclamation

The CAGP is committed to advocating for our members and the profession. The Association recognizes the month of March as “Procurement Month”. Our goal is to raise awareness and support our purchasing professionals. Our annual conferences are held in March of each year to highlight this. NC Governor Roy Cooper sends us a proclamation each year declaring March “Procurement Month.”



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Legislative Update

The CAGP has a legislative committee that works closely with our liaison with the School of Government to update membership on all bills introduced and/ or passed by the Legislature having to do with or affecting purchasing. The legislative committee chair reports to the board at every board meeting and our SOG liaison reports to the Chapter at our yearly conferences and all our regional trainings.



"The number one skill in life is not giving up." - Bryant McGill

School of Government

Our Chapter is fortunate and proud to be associated with the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, School of Government - a leader in teaching, advising, and consulting for local and state government officials in North Carolina. A focal point of the School's work is planning, administering, and teaching in continuing education courses for the state's government officials. The School and faculty are an integral part of the success of the CAGP and its members in their professional development journeys. The School is actively involved in the education programs offered by CAGP and the Certified Local Government Purchasing Officer (CLGPO) certification. Additional information including purchasing courses required for the CLGPO certification in addition to other procurement related courses offered by the School of Government can be found at:

<https://www.sog.unc.edu/resources/microsites/local-government-purchasing-and-contracting>.



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Scholarships

CAGP's "Frayda Bluestein Scholarship Award" is offered for courses and programs leading to an academic degree granted by an accredited community college, junior college, college, or university (including for on-line degree programs). The degree must be related to purchasing/procurement, materials management, inventory control, specification development, contract administration or contracts negotiations. The award, a maximum of \$2,000, may be applied to the costs of tuition, registration, or the acquisition of materials related to the proposed activity.

Carolas Association of Governmental Purchasers
The Frayda S. Bluestein Scholarship Award for Purchasing Practitioners

Application Form

This application and supporting documents must be completed and sent to:

Brent Quick, CLGPO
CAGP Scholarship
Town of Knightdale
950 Steeple Square Ct.
Knightdale, NC 27545

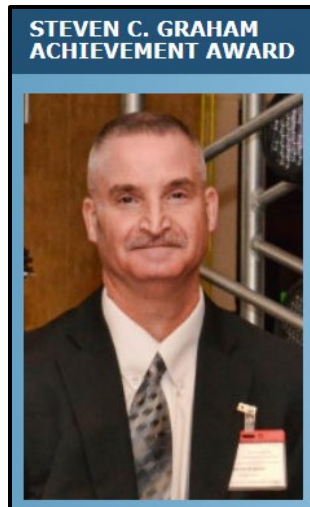
All documents must be received by June 30th or December 31st; must be typed and will become the property of CAGP.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

All applicants must arrange for their two recommendations and one letter as described below to be sent directly to the CAGP Scholarship Award address as shown above.

1. Request your division or department head to complete the recommendation and send it to CAGP.
2. A second recommendation must be from an official outside the Purchasing Department who is familiar with your capabilities.
3. Have your division or department head write a separate letter commenting on your performance during the prior year or have your Human Resource Department forward a copy of your latest performance evaluation.

The “Steven C. Graham Achievement Award” was established to be given annually to the examination candidate who achieves the highest passing score on the CLGPO Certification Examination. The award is presented each year at the Conference Spring Banquet during the CLGPO presentations.



PRIOR RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:	
2019	Susan Westbrook, City of Marion
2018	Amanda Bullard, Purchasing Manager, Cumberland County
2017	Robert McDaniel, Cleveland County Schools
2016	Julia Vosnock, Cape Fear Public Utility

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Exam Review

A Certified Local Government Purchasing Officer (CLGPO) exam is offered once a year through the School of Government at UNC, Chapel Hill. The CAGP coordinates an annual review session approximately two weeks prior to the exam. This session is hosted by an agency located in the central portion of North Carolina to be accessible for any members preparing to sit for the exam. The review session study group is invaluable in maintaining a high passage rate.

Volunteer Application

During 2020, to maximize volunteer talent within the Association, CAGP continued the use of the “Volunteer Application” and distributed it to all members. The application outlines

The form is titled "The Carolinas Association of Governmental Purchasing" and includes a thank you message for interest in volunteering. It contains sections for:

- 1. General Information:** Fields for Name, Title, Agency, City, Address, Zip/Postal Code, Email, and Office Telephone.
- 2. PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION (check all that apply):** Radio buttons for CLGPO, CLPA, CLPO, and OTHER.
- 3. LEADERSHIP/COMMUNITY/ROLE:** Fields for Leadership, Association, and Dates.

At the bottom, it says "CAGP Volunteer Application" and "Page 1 | 2".

expectations for individuals who want to work together to develop, support and promote the public procurement profession within NC. There are various ways for volunteers to offer their expertise and talents. This gives everyone an opportunity to participate. The goal is to utilize all volunteer time to further the success of CAGP. Some commitments extend for multiple years while others are brief, project-focused engagements. Some committees require travel to a meeting or an event while other committees are project teams allowing for participation via teleconferencing.

Vendor Trade Show

CAGP sponsors a trade show every year at our annual conference. Vendors can meet, greet, and connect with numerous governmental organizations such as Cities, Counties, State Agencies and School Districts throughout North and South Carolina. This allows our members to meet with a vast variety of suppliers, consultants, contractors, etc. The opportunity to meet in one place at one time with public procurement professionals who spend millions of dollars annually on goods and services is a win for our vendors. We encourage vendors to maximize their marketing efforts by attending this one-stop "mega" networking event and talk to agencies about the products and services they have to offer.

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Vendor Class

Every year during our annual conference we have a class for all vendors that participate in our vendor show. A panel of seasoned procurement officers reviews purchasing laws, answers questions, and explains that different agencies can have different local policies. This educates our vendors and helps them understand why things are done differently between agencies.

"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success.
If you love what you are doing, you will be successful." - Albert Schweitzer

Early Bird Registration Fee

Many of our vendors take advantage of the Early Bird registration discount that is offered by the Association which guarantees their spot. We often sell out in event space, so the early registration gets the ball rolling. Our vendor chair sends out a mass mailer to all prior participants. Then our Chapter members send out personal emails to their vendors inviting them to get in on the early bird discount. We also offer our vendors a chance to advertise on our webpage for a yearly fee.

Social Media

CAGP has maintained a Facebook group to interact with members and promote events and happenings. Items such as “NIGP-CPP Eligibility Requirements”, promotion of the upcoming NIGP Forum, and news showing achievements of the CAGP in collaboration with NIGP. During 2020, CAGP has continued utilizing social media outlets such as LinkedIn and Facebook.



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