



# Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs

## Georgia Volunteer Fire Chief Certification Information

### All applicants must submit all of the following:

1. Application.
2. A Cover letter to accompany the application that defines your responsibilities with the department and includes any credentials you have attained within the fire service, the community, or work that aid you in managing the fire department. Please include dates of appointment to current and previous positions.
3. An organizational chart of the department.
4. Copies of the certifications or degrees that you list on your application (including Pre-Requisites).
5. Application Fee of \$100.00

### Pre-Requisites to apply: Must submit copies

1. Must be a Registered Volunteer Firefighter with Ga. Firefighters Standards & Training
2. GPSTC Ga. Fire Academy Class "Chief Fire Officer Orientation Day 1"
3. NIMS 100, 200, 700, & 800

### Must complete at least 50 Points on the following points scale:

**Experience - Points per years of service as Fire Chief plus ½ points for immediate previous position held.**

3 points/year served in the position of Fire Chief (Max. 20 Points)

**Higher Education - You only receive credit for your highest degree, points are not added per degree.**

**Related Field (Fire Science, Public Administration, Emergency Management, etc.)**

Associates Degree	20 points
Bachelors Degree	40 points
Masters Degree	60 points
Doctorate Degree	80 points

## **Non-Related Field**

Associates Degree	10 points
Bachelors Degree	15 points
Masters Degree	20 points
Doctorate Degree	30 points

## **Fire Officer Certifications (must meet NFPA 1021)**

Certifications may be NPQ, Certified by an approved provider (as determined by the GAFC Training Committee), or GPSTC courses that meet the standard.

Fire Officer I	20 points	(The combination of Transitional and Interpersonal Leadership Training (40 hours), Fire Department Supervision (40 hours) and Acting Officer in Charge (32 hours) is equivalent)
Fire Officer II	20 points	(Fire Department Management (80 hours) is equivalent)
Fire Officer III	20 points	(Fire Department Administrator (64 hours) is equivalent)
Fire Officer IV	20 points	(Fire Department Executive (48 hours) is equivalent)

## **Credit for additional credentials**

Georgia Basic Certified Emergency Manager	10 points
Georgia Advanced Certified Emergency Manager	20 points
Georgia Professional Certified Emergency Manager	30 points
EFO (NFA)	75 points
CFOD	75 points
CTOD	75 points
CMOD	75 points

## **Points Additional**

GAFC Volunteer & Combination Total Quality Management Course	15 points
GFA Chief Fire Officer Day 2 – 4	5 points each
NIMS 300 and 400	5 points each

See Additional Credit Points document for additional classes approved by the CFO Certification Committee.

Application, cover letter, Check (payable to the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs) and all accompanying documentation should be mailed to:

**Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs**  
**PO Box 105377**  
**Atlanta, GA 30348**