

CODE OF ETHICS

Members of the Academy must maintain a high standard of conduct in order to appropriately serve the public within their jurisdictions. The standard of conduct set forth here provides basic principles for the exercise of public managerial responsibilities. By acceptance, members assume an obligation to the Academy and its purpose and agree to comply with its Constitution and Bylaws.

The **Code of Ethics** states that members shall:

- Perform their professional duties with honesty and fairness;
- Contribute to the advancement of the dignity and integrity of the public management profession;
- Respect the sensitivity of information obtained in the course of their professional activities and not disclose any information that is deemed confidential;
- Uphold the rights of others in all of their personal and professional activities;
- Use neither their positions with the Academy nor their public employment to secure privileges or advantages for themselves or others;
- Neither offer, give, nor accept any payment or gift to influence, or appear to influence, the judgment of public officials or the exercise of their public responsibilities;
- Seek to maintain the highest degree of professionalism;
- Maintain and advance their knowledge of the public management field and contribute to the growth of the profession;
- Work to raise the standards of excellence of the profession and to facilitate professional development of all practitioners.

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