



## **AFP Greater Atlanta Chapter Young Professionals Bridge Scholarship**

When a fundraiser reaches 30 years of age, he/she is no longer eligible for the Young Professionals membership dues discount from AFP International. The increase in cost from Young Professionals to Professional membership dues to AFP International is significant – from \$65 per year to \$280. AFP Atlanta proposes to make membership in the Association of Fundraising Professionals accessible to younger professionals, ages 30 to 35, by removing the financial barrier posed by annual membership dues.

**The AFP Atlanta Young Professionals Bridge Scholarship is a two-year commitment to pay the AFP International membership dues for a young professional, age 30 to 35.**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be a young professional ages 30 to 35
- Priority will be given to people in the field of fundraising or who have made steps toward transitioning to a career in fundraising
- Priority will be given to AFP members who are transitioning out of AFP International's "young professionals" category, members of the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of Atlanta (YNPN Atlanta), and alumni of college/university nonprofit management or public administration programs

### **Scholarship Requirements**

- Recipients are responsible for AFP Atlanta Chapter dues of \$75 per year for each year they receive the scholarship
- Recipients must attend a minimum of eight (8) chapter breakfasts per year for each year the scholarship is received
- Recipients must submit a report to the board at the end of each scholarship year explaining what was learned through AFP membership and how this learning was applied in the workplace
- Recipients are strongly encouraged to share their experiences and year-end reports with their employers to make the case for the importance of AFP membership in the hopes that the employer will consider paying for subsequent years' membership dues
- Agree to submit a headshot and bio, which will be used to market the program

### **Complete Applications Include:**

- Application Form

- Resume
- Letter of recommendation (one from your direct supervisor, if applicable)
- Letter documenting membership of YNPN Atlanta or alumni of college/university nonprofit management or public administration program

## FAQs

### **Do you need to be a member of AFP Atlanta to apply for this scholarship?**

You do not need to be a member of AFP to apply. Priority will be given to individuals already in the fundraising profession, members of AFP who are transitioning from the Young Professionals to Professional membership levels, members of Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of Atlanta (YNPN Atlanta), and alumni of local college/university nonprofit management programs.

### **Who serves on the Selection Committee?**

The selection Committee is comprised of the three most recent past presidents of AFP Atlanta Chapter's board of directors.

### **How is the AFP Atlanta Young Professionals Bridge Scholarship funded?**

Funding for AFP Atlanta Young Professionals Bridge Scholarships will come from the Carlos Fund (a fund established for our chapter by the Carlos family to promote ethical and effective fundraising by funding special initiatives beyond the chapter's annual operating budget) as well as any annual funds raised that go over and above our annual expenses and operating reserve maximum.

### **How often will the scholarship be offered?**

AFP Atlanta will offer two scholarship cycles per year. Scholarship application deadlines will be announced through the chapter e-newsletter, social media, at AFP Atlanta Chapter events, and on our chapter website.

### **How often can I apply?**

Applicants can submit only one application per scholarship cycle. Applicants whose requests are denied are encouraged to apply in subsequent cycles.

### **Can past recipients apply for renewed support?**

The scholarship is a two-year commitment and is nonrenewable.

### **What is the scholarship award amount?**

The scholarship will cover the cost of AFP International's annual membership dues of \$280 per year for two calendar years, a \$560 total commitment. Scholarship recipients are required to pay for AFP of Greater Atlanta's chapter membership dues of \$75 per year for each year.

***Please note that this scholarship will be paid out as a reimbursement to the member.***

### **Will there be multiple scholarships awarded each cycle?**

The number of scholarships awarded will depend upon available funds and the number of applicants.

**I am a member of YNPN Atlanta and/or an alumnus of a college or university's nonprofit management or public administration program. What types of documentation are acceptable?**

If you are a member of YNPN Atlanta, please provide a letter from a chapter officer confirming that you are a member and are current on your membership dues. If you are an alumni of a college/university nonprofit management or public administration program, please provide a letter from an advisor or professor confirming that you were a student.

**Can my previous supervisor serve as a reference if I recently changed jobs?**

Yes, simply note the circumstances on your application.



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**Young Professionals Bridge Scholarship Application**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please keep all answers to 250 words or less.**

1. What are your short-term and long-term career goals?
2. Please describe how membership in the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) will meet your career goals.
3. Please describe how your employer will benefit from your participation in AFP. If you are not currently employed, please describe steps you have taken to pursue a career in fundraising (including past professional or volunteer experience in fundraising, certification or other educational programs, etc.)
4. Are you able to take payment as a reimbursement, or do you require the funds up front?  
*(Note: this will not impact your eligibility to receive the scholarship)*
5. How did you hear about this scholarship opportunity?
6. Is your employer willing and able to provide financial support for your position's professional development? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
7. Are you able and willing to personally pay \$75 for the cost of AFP Atlanta Chapter dues?  
Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

8. Are you able and willing to participate in at least eight (8) chapter breakfasts per year?  
Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

9. Are you affiliated with one of the following: \_\_\_\_ Current AFP Member

\_\_\_\_ YNPN Atlanta member \_\_\_\_ Alumni of a local college/university's nonprofit management or fundraising program

10. If you are affiliated with any of the above organizations, please describe your relationship

Upload resume

Upload letter of recommendation from your supervisor

Upload letter of documentation (*only if you are a member of YNPN Atlanta or an alumnus of a college/university nonprofit management or public administration program*)