



AFP Foundation & South Saskatchewan Chapter Chamberlain Scholarship

Information for Applicants

The AFP Foundation for Philanthropy is proud to offer the Chamberlain Scholarship Program for the AFP International Conference on Fundraising. This program is designed to help individuals serving non-profit organizations develop their knowledge and skills in fundraising. In addition to the Chamberlain Scholarship, AFP South Saskatchewan will award an additional scholarship to provide assistance in defraying expenses not covered in the Chamberlain Scholarship. The conference takes place in San Diego, April 26-28th, 2026.

- Application Deadline: **January 31, 2026**
- Scholarship Value: **\$1000.00** + the Chamberlain Scholarship (full registration fee minus processing fee)
- Number Available: One

The AFP South Saskatchewan Chapter will select their Chamberlain Scholar based on the following criteria, which are established by the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy and may be supplemented by criteria set by the local AFP chapter:

*Candidate is employed as a fundraising professional or, if candidate is an executive director, a substantial amount of time must be devoted to fundraising.

*Candidate has never attended an AFP (or NSFRE) International Conference on Fundraising as a registered participant (unless a member of the Conference Host Committee).

*Candidate agrees to complete a post-conference online evaluation regarding his or her experience for the Scholarship Committee and attend an AFP South Saskatchewan meeting to share his/her learning experiences at the Conference.

AFP Chamberlain Scholarship Program honors Ralph E. Chamberlain, CFRE

Ralph E. Chamberlain, CFRE had a long and distinguished career of service to the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), beginning in the 1960s when the organization was formed as the National Society of Fund Raisers (NSFR), through the late 1970s when the name was changed to the National Society of Fund Raising Executives (NSFRE), and until his death in 1999.

Mr. Chamberlain helped to form one of the organization's earliest chapters, today known as the Greater New York Chapter. He served as the fourth chair of NSFR's Board of Directors from 1967-1969 and as chair of the NSFRE Foundation from 1982-1985.

Most of Mr. Chamberlain's fundraising career was spent with The Salvation Army, serving many years as the director of development and director of the National Information Service. He was also founder and chairman of the board of Precise Kit Promotions Inc., a manufacturer of disaster aid kits for private and government agencies.

A deeply committed philanthropist and volunteer, Mr. Chamberlain devoted much of his time to education, health and arts programs and causes. He served on the board of Hartwick College (Oneonta, N.Y.), Hassett Healthcare (Cooperstown, N.Y.), Glimmerglass Opera (Cooperstown, N.Y.), the Farmer's Museum (Cooperstown, N.Y.), the Bergen County, NJ 200 Club and the Do-er's Club of Bloomingdale, N.J. He frequently helped those organizations with their fundraising campaigns and other activities. A music lover himself, Mr. Chamberlain played the trombone with a professional orchestra in Syracuse, N.Y.

Mr. Chamberlain's dedication to the organization we now know as AFP never faltered in his long volunteer career with the Association. Because of his long-time support of the Foundation's annual fund and generous planned gift, the AFP Board of Directors renamed their Conference Scholar Program in 2000 to honor Mr. Chamberlain's memory and commitment to the Association.

The AFP Foundation for Philanthropy is proud to offer the Chamberlain Scholarship Program for the AFP International Conference on Fundraising. In addition to the Chamberlain Scholarship for registration, AFP-South Saskatchewan will award an additional \$1,000 to assist with accommodation and travel expenses. Please fill out the application below and send to AFPSouthSask@gmail.com by **January 31, 2026**.

Name: _____

JOB TITLE: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

AFP MEMBER ID#: _____

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE: _____
(Other than present employer)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

How much financial support will you be receiving from your employer? _____
Please explain.

Have you explored other funding opportunities to attend the above requested event? Yes / No
If yes, please explain.

Will you incur a personal financial cost to attend this course/event? Yes / No
If yes, please explain.

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION:

How long have you been employed in the fundraising profession? _____

What areas of fundraising have you participated in? (Select all that apply)

Special Events		Annual Giving		Major Gift	
Communications		Social Media		Research	
Planned Giving		Grant Writing		Donor Recognition	

Have you ever received a scholarship through AFP? If so, what educational opportunity did you attend, when did it take place and what was the value of the scholarship?

What are three (3) of your fundraising-related professional development objectives in the next 3 years?
Please explain.

How will your requested course/event help you accomplish your professional development goals?

What professional development have you received in the past three (3) years?
Please list name of course and corresponding date(s) of attendance

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please email applications to AFPSouthSask@gmail.com.

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Chamberlain Scholarship. Successful candidates will be notified within 30 days from application.