

Call for Proposals: South Dakota AFP Annual Statewide Conference

South Dakota AFP invites you to submit session proposals for our State Conference, taking place October 14-16, 2026 in Rapid City, SD. This annual gathering is an excellent opportunity for development and nonprofit professionals across the state to share knowledge, network and enhance their skills.

The conference committee is seeking dynamic and engaging presentations that cater to both beginner and advanced fundraising tracks. Sessions should focus on innovative strategies, best practices and the latest trends in fundraising to inspire and empower our attendees.

Submission Guidelines:

- Proposal Deadline: July 10, 2026
- Session Type
 - Seminar/Lecture (60 minutes + 15 minute Q&A)
 - Hands-on Workshop (75 minutes)
 - Panel (45 minutes)
 - Express Talk (25 minutes + 20 minutes facilitated discussion)
- Tracks Available
 - Launch (0-3 Years) – core skills and confidence builders
 - Grow (4-7 Years) – systems, portfolio growth, specialization
 - Lead (8+ Years/Executives) – strategy, culture, boards, campaigns, planning giving
 - All-Audience Skills – communications, IDEA, ethics, data/AI, rural philanthropy
- Content Areas: Topics may include, but are not limited to:
 - Annual Giving
 - Capital Campaigns
 - Board Development
 - Donor Stewardship
 - Ethics
 - Events
 - IDEA
 - Major Gifts
 - Portfolio Management
 - Technology in Fundraising
 - Strategic Planning

- To ensure the conference highlights practitioner voices, consultants should present alongside a nonprofit partner. We welcome sessions that model true collaboration between service providers and the organizations they support.

To Submit Your Proposal:

Please include the following information in your submission.

1. Title of the Session
2. Speaker(s) name(s), Credentials, and Bio(s)
3. Session Description (250 words or less)
4. Learning Objectives
5. Target audience level (beginner or advanced)

Proposals can be submitted via online form, [located here](#).

We look forward to reviewing your proposals and working together to create an informative and inspiring conference for all fundraising professionals in South Dakota!

For questions or further information, please contact Molly Sutton, Professional Development Committee Chair, at molly.sutton@avera.org.

Let's make a difference together!