



Membership Scholarship Program

AFP Membership – An Investment in Yourself

As part of our initiative to help you Invest in Yourself, the AFP Sierra Chapter offers scholarships to help offset the cost of membership. This opportunity will help you succeed as fundraising professionals and offer:

- The best training and education in the field
- New ideas and latest trends in the profession
- Networking with colleagues and access to experts in the field
- Benchmarks for success and future growth

Any current member or new member is eligible to apply. AFP Sierra Chapter will typically pay 50% of the total cost of the following select individual membership categories:

- **Professional:** \$315 (\$285 for AFP Global membership plus \$30 for Sierra Chapter dues)
- **Young Professional:** \$95 (\$65 for AFP Global membership plus \$30 for Sierra Chapter dues)
- **AFP Nonprofit Organizational Membership – Small:** \$175 (\$120 plus \$55 fixed-rate for chapter dues)

Eligibility and Criteria

1. Scholarship recipients must pay their membership up front, then submit their membership receipt/confirmation to the AFP Sierra Chapter Vice President of Membership to receive the scholarship payment.
2. The scholarship is valid for 12 months from the membership activation/renewal date. For example, if you are a professional member renewing in March, your total dues are \$315. If awarded a 50% scholarship, you would receive \$157.50 as a reimbursement after you have activated/renewed your membership in March.
3. Members receiving scholarships may apply again the next year for another scholarship; however, preference will be given to members who have not yet been awarded a scholarship. Members cannot receive more than two consecutive scholarships.
4. Preference may be given to members/new members who are new to the fundraising profession.
5. Preference may be given to members/new members who work with organizations with small/reduced budgets.
6. Scholarship recipients will be expected to be engaged with chapter activities including participating in programming and events or serving on committees or the board.

Selection Process

1. Applications will be reviewed monthly as they are received by the Vice President of Membership and will be approved by the AFP Sierra Chapter Board of Directors at their monthly board meeting.
2. Scholarship recipients will be selected based on the eligibility and criteria stated above.
3. Scholarship recipients will be notified by the Vice President of Membership of their approval or non-approval.
4. The duration of time from the day an application is submitted to the review and selection to the issue of a reimbursement check (if a scholarship is awarded) can take two-three months.
5. AFP Sierra Chapter has a limited amount of funds set aside for scholarships for each calendar year.

Application Instructions

1. The membership scholarship application is posted on the AFP Sierra Chapter's website at <https://community.afpglobal.org/afpsierrachapter/home>.
2. Send completed applications to afpsierrachapter@gmail.com.
3. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year; however, AFP Sierra Chapter has a limited amount of funds for scholarships for each year.



Membership Scholarship Application

Please read the Membership Scholarship Program information, including the eligibility and criteria information and review and selection process prior to completing this application. Complete this application and submit to afpsierrachapter@gmail.com. Applications may be submitted at any time of the year.

Name:	
Title:	
Organization:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Phone:	Email:

1. How many years have you been in the profession?
2. How long have you been in your current position?
3. How long have you been an AFP member? (current members only)
4. What is your organization's current operating budget?

5. How will you and your organization benefit from your membership in AFP? (Approximately 150 words or less)

6. Why are you seeking a membership scholarship? (Approximately 150 words or less)