



## **AFP PA Northeastern Chapter Scholarship Opportunities**

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) is the professional association of individuals and organizations that generate philanthropic support for a wide variety of charitable institutions. Founded in 1960, AFP advances philanthropy through its more than 30,000 members in 230 chapters throughout the world. In addition to other benefits, educational opportunities and professional advancement are available to members at a reduced cost. We understand that financial resources are not equal to all members therefore the AFP PA Northeastern Chapter has scholarship opportunities available for members, CFRE advancement and attendance at the national conference.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:**

#### **MEMBERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS**

To assist our profession and enhance chapter membership, the AFP PA Northeastern Chapter offers scholarships to cover annual dues for the first year to help qualified individuals attain or retain AFP membership. These membership scholarships may be renewed one time at half value by request and at the discretion of the AFP PA Northeastern Chapter Scholarship Committee. The three membership options available for AFP are:

- Young Professionals (30 Or Under) - \$ 75 annually;
- Small Organization Members (Operating Budget < \$1M, less than 2 FT fundraisers) - \$150 annually;
- Professional Member - General member from larger organizations who are ages 31+ - \$280 annually

**Available awards:** A limited number of membership scholarships are available to prospective members valued at 100% of national and chapter dues, good for twelve months, to start within two months of being granted. If the scholarship recipient is an active member of the chapter they are eligible to apply for a 12 month renewal at 50% of the annual dues. The Individual Membership Application and more information on membership types are available at: [www.afpnet.org](http://www.afpnet.org) and click on “Join AFP”.

**Criteria:** Applicants must work in fundraising for a nonprofit organization within the Chapter service territory. Current members who are affected by a job loss and actively seeking to remain in the fundraising field are also encouraged to apply for this award. Scholarship recipients will be expected to attend more than half of AFP PA Northeastern Chapter’s meetings and take an active role on at least one committee.

#### ***Application Process:***

**New Applicants:** Scholarship applicants must complete the Individual Membership Application and the Chapter Dues Scholarship Application and submit to the Scholarship Chair. The Scholarship Chair will disseminate it to the AFP scholarship committee for approval. Once approved, the treasurer will submit the membership application and payment to the IHQ for processing. The Scholarship Chair will notify the candidate of their membership as well as the Membership Chair. The mentorship chair will contact new applicants regarding participation in the mentorship program.

**Renewals:** Candidates wishing to renew their scholarship after the first year must submit their request in writing to the scholarship chair. Members who have not fulfilled the criteria of attending more than half of chapter programs and served on a committee are ineligible to apply. The scholarship chair will contact the AFP scholarship committee for approval. Once approved the candidate must submit a check for 50% of membership (payable to NEPA Chapter AFP) to the Treasurer. The Scholarship Chair will notify the candidate of their membership renewal.

***Application Deadline:*** Open or until all scholarships are awarded annually

## **CFRE SCHOLARSHIP**

To foster professional development in the fundraising field, current members are encouraged to study for and take the CFRE exam to earn their Certified Fund Raising Executives (CFRE) designation.

**Award:** Members in good standing are eligible to have 50% of their testing fee reimbursed to them upon successfully passing the CRFE exam. For information on the exam see the [cfre.org](http://cfre.org) website. The CFRE scholarship recipient must agree to serve as a mentor for at least one CFRE candidate through the chapter's mentoring program.

**Application Process:** Once receiving their passing grade the member must submit a copy of their congratulatory letter along with a copy of their original payment to the Scholarship Chair. The Scholarship Chair will notify the board and send the documentation to the Treasurer for reimbursement. The candidate should remain an active member of the AFP chapter for at least one year following their reimbursement.

**Application Deadline:** individual must notify the Chapter president of their intent to use the CFRE scholarship. Recipient must submit all paperwork within 30 days of receiving formal test results, along with a copy of their congratulatory letter from CFRE International to received reimbursement.

## **CHAMBERLAIN SCHOLARSHIP**

This award is available through a cooperative effort of AFP International and the local NEPA chapter. The award covers the registration fee (less \$10) for one chapter member to attend the AFP International Conference on Fundraising. Eligible Chamberlain Scholars must not have previously attended an AFP International Conference. If funds are available, AFP PA Northeastern Chapter will assist with the travel expenses and hotel for the recipient. However, the recipient is encouraged to first make a good faith effort to secure funding for these expenses from their employer.

**Available awards:** One Chamberlain scholar is selected annually for attendance at the International conference. Applicants cannot be previous recipients. For more information on upcoming conferences see the [AFPnet.org](http://AFPnet.org) website. Chamberlain Scholarships are awarded based upon availability from the AFP Foundation on Philanthropy and AFP International. Terms and Conditions are subject to change by AFP IHQ at any time. Deadlines are set by AFP IHQ and are non-negotiable.

**Application Process:** Interested candidates must complete the Chapter Scholarship Questionnaire and submit a 350-500 word essay on why they want to attend the conference by October 1<sup>st</sup> to the scholarship chair. The scholarship committee will review the applications and select the recipient and notify the AFP Board. The scholarship chair will submit the Chamberlain Scholarship Recipient Reporting Form to the AFP chapter services department by October 31. The candidate should remain an active member of the AFP chapter for at least one year following their attendance at the conference. Chamberlain Scholars are requested to present a report to the chapter about their conference experience.

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The Scholarship Committee is comprised of the Scholarship Chair, Membership Chair, and Immediate Past President. For more information contact the Scholarship Chair: Bonnie Lauer, Scholarship Chair, 740-0734 or [blauer@luzerne.edu](mailto:blauer@luzerne.edu)

**Scholarship winners will be expected to attend more than half of NEPA AFP Chapter's meetings and take an active role on at least one committee.**

Current AFP Committees Include:

- Membership
- Scholarship
- Professional Advancement
- National Philanthropy Day
- Mentoring
- Marketing and Communications
- Government Affairs



**AFP PA Northeastern Chapter  
Chapter Dues Scholarship Application**

**Please Provide the Following Information**

Name		
Title		
Organization	Org. Federal EIN	
Address		
City	State	Zip
Work Phone	Fax	Home Phone
E-mail	Website Address	

Please include a copy of your current resume with this application packet.

Years in the Fundraising Profession \_\_\_\_\_

Organization's Operating Budget \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
date

For Membership Applications: Please submit this chapter dues scholarship application, a current resume and the individual scholarship application to the Scholarship Selection Committee chair:

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