In consideration of the challenging economic situation, the Central Illinois Chapter AFP is offering sustaining membership scholarships to individuals.

**Sustaining Scholarships**
A maximum of six scholarships will be awarded in a calendar year. Scholarships will be awarded based on available funds.

**Deadline:** Ongoing, due the 15th of each month
The deadline for applications is ongoing with the monthly deadline the 15th of the month in order to review during the Board of Directors’ meeting the first week of the month following (unless otherwise noted).

**Benefits of Scholarship**
The purpose of the scholarship is to maintain AFP membership that would otherwise be affected by an economic situation. The scholarship would pay up to 2/3 of the annual dues. Based on current membership dues, the Chapter would pay $200 toward dues and the individual would pay $90 for a total of $290 for membership dues. This scholarship would be for one year with the option to apply for a renewal for a second year.

**Eligibility**
Applicants must have been an AFP member within the previous 12 months and demonstrate need for the scholarship.

**Criteria for Selection**
 Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Recipients will be required to be involved with the chapter in some way for a minimum of one year (see application for suggestions). Preference will be given to applicants who have been AFP members for three or more years; other demonstrated commitment to the chapter also helpful (committee member, other, etc.). If applicant has received the C. Wilson Schroeder Membership Scholarship in past, applicant should demonstrate current need and commitment to the chapter (participation, attendance).

**Scholarship Application**
Applicants must submit a completed application form along with a narrative by the 15th of the month for review during the following month’s Board meeting. (NOTE: There is no Board meeting in July; applications received in June and July will be reviewed in August.) Submit the application to Central Illinois AFP, Attention: Sustaining Membership Scholarship Application, PO Box 5323, Peoria, IL 61601.

**Further information**
For more information, contact Chapter Scholarship Chair Kimberly Weeks at 242-3960 or kimberlyweeks227@gmail.com
Sustaining Membership Scholarship Application

Applicant Name: __________________________________________________________
Title: ____________________________________________________________________
Organization: ____________________________________________________________
Preferred Address: ________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip: __________________________________________________________
Preferred Telephone and Fax: _____________________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________________________________

Number of years an AFP member: __________________________________________
Number of years in fundraising: ____________________________________________
Annual Agency Operating Budget: __________________________________________

Is your organization paying your expenses? □ Yes □ No

Scholarship recipients are required to volunteer for one of AFP-Central Illinois Chapter’s activities. Please indicate which you would be interested in working with:

☐ Education/Professional Advancement  ☐ Membership
☐ National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon  ☐ Basics 101 Workshop
☐ AFP Chapter Board  ☐ Diversity
☐ Government Affairs  ☐ Publicity

Along with this completed Application Form, candidate must submit a narrative (limit to two pages, letter form) explaining why candidate is applying for scholarship. In narrative, describe:

• Financial need
• How scholarship will benefit you, your organization and the AFP Chapter
• If Executive Director, describe percentage of time spent in fundraising
• Previous/current involvement or participation with AFP
• Any prior scholarships received from AFP (with dates)
• Other pertinent information helpful to scholarship selection

Application and attachments must be received by the 15th of each month for review at the following month’s board meeting.

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Or via email to: Kimberly Weeks at kimberlyweeks227@gmail.com