The late C. Wilson Schroeder was a devoted fundraiser and one of the founding members of the National Society of Fundraising Executives, now called the Association of Fundraising Professionals. To honor his memory, the Central Illinois AFP Chapter awards membership scholarships through the C. Wilson Schroeder Membership Scholarship program. The chapter will consider applications from fundraisers or executive directors whose organizations budgets are constrained but who would benefit from AFP membership.

**Membership Scholarships**
A total of four (4) scholarships in the Professional, Young Professional, or Small Nonprofit membership categories may be awarded each calendar year.

**Deadline: On-going until scholarships are awarded:**
Applications will be reviewed at the AFP Chapter Board meetings which are held on the 1st Thursday of the month. Applications will be considered throughout the year based on remaining available scholarships.

**Benefits of Scholarship**
In the Professional category, the chapter will pay 100% of the recipient’s membership fee (currently $250), and the recipient will pay 100% of the local dues (currently $40) in the first year. In the second year, the chapter will pay 50% of the recipient’s membership fee, and the recipient will pay 50% plus the full local dues.

For the Young Professional and Small Nonprofit categories, the chapter will pay 100% of the recipient’s membership fees and local dues (currently $95 for Young Professional and $175 for Small Nonprofit) for two years. The intent is to demonstrate to the organization’s board the value of AFP membership, in the hope they will budget full membership fees in the future.

**Eligibility**
- The Professional category is open to individuals who, among other responsibilities, hold some degree of accountability for income-generation within the fundraising process.
- The Young Professional category is open to persons who hold some degree of responsibility directly for fundraising, are 30 years old or younger and are compensated for their services.
- The Small Nonprofit category is open to organizations who can answer “yes” to all the following criteria:
  - Must be a nonprofit organization
  - An operating budget of less than $1,000,000
  - A fundraising department with less than two (2) full time equivalent (FTE) staff
  - Individually incorporated or otherwise organized as a separate entity; and
  - Not affiliated with a larger institution supporting their operations.

**Criteria for Selection**
Priority will be given to applicants with demonstrated financial need. Recipients must serve on an AFP committee during the awarded year or the following year. Only one application for a membership scholarship from the same organization will be considered each year, and previous recipients are not eligible to re-apply.

**Scholarship Application**
Applicants must submit a completed application form along with a narrative and mail the application to Central Illinois AFP, ATTN: Membership Scholarship, PO Box 5323, Peoria, IL 61601 or email to Danielle Easton, Chapter Scholarship Chair, at Danielle.Easton@scouting.org

**Further information:** For more information, contact Danielle Easton at (309) 369-7091 or email at Danielle.Easton@scouting.org
Applicant Name: _____________________________________________________
Title: ______________________________________________________________
Organization: _______________________________________________________
Preferred Address: ____________________________________________________
City, State, Zip: _______________________________________________________
Preferred Telephone and Fax: ___________________________________________
Email: _______________________________________________________________
Number of years in fundraising: _________________________________________
Annual agency operating budget: $_______________________________
Is your organization paying your expenses? ☐ Yes ☐ No
For which membership category are you applying? (please check one)
_____Professional       _____Young Professional       _____Small Nonprofit

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       ☐ AFP Chapter Board
☐ Diversity

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 and your organization
  • If Executive Director, describe percentage of time spent in fundraising
  • Previous/current involvement or participation with AFP
  • Previous training in fundraising
  • Any prior scholarships received from AFP (with dates)
  • Other volunteer experience in the community

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