CFRE Certification Assistance Scholarship

The Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) credential distinguishes fund development professionals with a recognizable demonstration of their personal and professional achievement and commitment. AFP recognizes the significance of this designation and encourages members to seek this distinction. To assist in this effort the Central Illinois Chapter offers scholarship funding to help defray the cost of the certification process.

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A total of two scholarships of $450 each may be awarded each calendar year.

Timing
Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the year. Applications are reviewed by the AFP Chapter Board at their monthly board meeting. Applicants will receive notice of the board’s decision within two months of their application submission.

Benefits of Scholarship
Each scholarship will provide $450 towards the AFP member cost of $700 (discounted rate for AFP members) to apply for CFRE certification. Scholarship may be used for initial certification only and may not be used for recertification for those already holding the CFRE credential.

Eligibility
The scholarship is available to Central Illinois Chapter members in good standing. Applicant is responsible for reviewing CFRE requirements, completing the online application and providing documentation that they meet the requirements to take the CFRE exam. CFRE requirements can be found at www.cfre.org.

Criteria for Selection
Priority will be given to applicants with demonstrated financial need. Recipients must be willing to share their CFRE certification experience with other chapter members. Only one application for a CFRE Certification Assistance Scholarship from the same organization will be considered each year.

Scholarship Application
Applicants must submit a completed application form along with a narrative. Please return application by mail to:
Central Illinois AFP
Attention: CFRE Certification Assistance Scholarship
PO Box 5323
Peoria, IL 61601

Or by email to: Danielle Easton, Chapter Scholarship Chair
Danielle.Easton@scouting.org

Further information: For more information, contact Danielle Easton, Chapter Scholarship Chair at 309-369-7091 or danielle.easton@scouting.org.
Central Illinois Chapter
Association of Fundraising Professionals
CFRE Certification Assistance Scholarship

Applicant Name: ________________________________________________

Title: ________________________________________________________

Organization: _________________________________________________

Preferred Address: _____________________________________________

City, State, Zip: ______________________________________________

Preferred Telephone and Fax: _________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________

Number of years in fundraising: _______________________________

Annual agency operating budget: $ _____________________________

Along with this completed Application Form, applicant must submit documentation of their eligibility to take the CFRE exam along with a narrative (limit to two pages, letter form) explaining why candidate is applying for scholarship. In narrative, please describe:

• Financial need
• How the CFRE credential will benefit you as a fundraising professional
• How the CFRE credential will benefit your organization
• How the CFRE credential fits in and enhances your career path
• 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

Applications may be submitted at any time throughout the year

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