



AFP California Capital Chapter Membership Scholarship Application

Complimentary One-Year Membership | 2026 Application Cycle

Purpose. The AFP California Capital Chapter (AFPCCC) Membership Scholarship expands access to the fundraising profession and to AFP membership for people who may otherwise face financial, institutional, or other barriers to participation. AFPCCC welcomes applicants with varied identities, lived experiences, career pathways, organization types, and levels of fundraising experience.

Equitable review. Applications will be considered holistically by a committee of AFPCCC active members, based on demonstrated interest in ethical fundraising, the value membership could provide, barriers to access, and the applicant's interest in participating in the AFPCCC community. Optional demographic information is used only to help the chapter understand the reach and accessibility of this opportunity and will not be used to disadvantage any applicant. Applicants may skip any optional question.

Application Timeline

Date	Milestone
September 15, 2026	Applications open
October 15, 2026	Completed applications due
November 1-7, 2026	All applicants notified of scholarship decisions
November 30, 2026	Scholarship recipients must complete the AFP Global membership application online

Submission and Assistance

Complete all required questions and email this application by October 15, 2026, to AFPCCC Membership Committee Chair Shannin Stein at shannin@alchemistcdc.org and to info@afpccc.org. For questions, help completing the form, or a reasonable accommodation, contact Shannin at 916-235-3725. Requests for assistance or accommodation will not affect scholarship consideration.

Applicant Information

Full name: _____

Pronouns (optional): _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Preferred method of contact: _____

City and state: _____



Professional and Educational Background

Current employer or organization (if applicable): _____

Current position or role (if applicable): _____

Current employment status (select all that apply):

- ☐ Employed full-time
- ☐ Employed part-time
- ☐ Self-employed or consultant
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Between positions or seeking employment
- ☐ Not currently in the paid workforce
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Fundraising or development experience:

- ☐ Less than 1 year
- ☐ 1-4 years
- ☐ 5-9 years
- ☐ 10-19 years
- ☐ 20 or more years
- ☐ Experience gained through volunteer or community leadership
- ☐ New to fundraising or development

Current or highest education level (optional):

- ☐ High school or equivalent
- ☐ Some college, certificate, or vocational training
- ☐ Associate degree
- ☐ Bachelor's degree
- ☐ Graduate or professional degree
- ☐ Other learning pathway: _____
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Membership Information

Anticipated AFP Global membership category, if known (select one):

- ☐ Professional
- ☐ Associate
- ☐ Small nonprofit organization



- ☐ Young professional
- ☐ Student or collegiate
- ☐ Unsure; I would like guidance (visit <https://afpglobal.org/why-join-afp/membership-categories-pricing> to learn more)
- ☐ Other AFP Global category: _____

AFPCCC will confirm the appropriate current AFP Global membership category with selected recipients before they apply online.

Has an employer or another organization paid professional membership dues on your behalf within the past three years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

If yes, please briefly explain (optional): _____

Have you previously received an AFPCCC membership scholarship or other AFPCCC membership assistance?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

If yes, please identify the year and type of assistance: _____

Optional Demographic Information

The questions in this section are voluntary. Select all that apply. Responses help AFPCCC evaluate whether this opportunity is reaching a broad and representative community. They are not required to establish financial need and will not be used to disadvantage an applicant.

Gender identity:

- ☐ Woman
- ☐ Man
- ☐ Nonbinary, genderqueer, or gender nonconforming
- ☐ Transgender
- ☐ Another identity: _____
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Race and ethnicity:

- ☐ American Indian, Alaska Native, First Nations, or Indigenous



- ☐ Asian or Asian American
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Hispanic, Latino/a, or Latinx
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ Multiracial or multiethnic
- ☐ Another identity: _____
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Membership Goals

1. How would a one-year AFP membership support your professional development, leadership, or ability to advance ethical and effective fundraising in your organization or community?

2. What financial, institutional, geographic, employment, or other circumstances currently limit your access to AFP membership or professional development? Share only what you are comfortable disclosing.

3. What perspectives, experiences, relationships, or strengths would you bring to the AFPCCC community? Fundraising experience is not required.

Chapter Engagement and Community Connection

Scholarship recipients are encouraged, but not required, to build relationships and participate in ways that are realistic and accessible for them. Responses help AFPCCC connect recipients with meaningful opportunities and do not constitute a commitment to volunteer.



4. Which opportunities would help you engage more deeply with the AFPCCC community during your scholarship year? Select all that interest you.

- ☐ Attend educational luncheons or other chapter programs
- ☐ Volunteer at luncheons, community events, or chapter activities
- ☐ Connect with an AFPCCC mentor
- ☐ Participate on a chapter committee
- ☐ Explore future service on the AFPCCC Board of Directors
- ☐ Join peer networking or affinity-based gatherings
- ☐ Share skills, lived experience, or professional expertise with the chapter
- ☐ Support outreach to students, emerging professionals, or communities underrepresented in fundraising
- ☐ Participate virtually or through short-term, project-based opportunities
- ☐ I am interested but would like to learn more before selecting an opportunity
- ☐ Other: _____

5. What type of connection, mentorship, volunteer role, or chapter experience would be most valuable to you, and what support would help you participate?

Accessibility and Participation

Would you like AFPCCC to contact you about accommodation or another form of access support for the application process, chapter programs, communications, or volunteer participation? You do not need to disclose a diagnosis or personal medical information.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe; I would like more information

Preferred way for AFPCCC to follow up (optional): _____

Additional Information

How did you hear about this scholarship? Select all that apply.

- ☐ AFPCCC email or newsletter
- ☐ AFPCCC website
- ☐ Social media



- ☐ Employer or colleague
- ☐ Friend, family member, mentor, or community referral
- ☐ AFPCCC event or volunteer
- ☐ School or educational program
- ☐ Other: _____

Is there anything else you would like the Scholarship Review Committee to understand about your goals, circumstances, or interest in AFPCCC?

(Optional.)

Applicant Agreement

By submitting this application, I confirm that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that scholarships are limited and that submitting an application does not guarantee an award. If selected, I agree to complete the AFP Global membership application online by November 30, 2026, and to notify AFPCCC promptly if I am unable to accept the scholarship.

I understand that chapter engagement opportunities are encouraged but are not a condition of receiving the scholarship, and that I may request reasonable accommodations or access support without affecting my scholarship status.

- ☐ I agree to the statements above.

Signature (type or print full name): _____

Date: _____

Once completed, please submit your application to

Shannin Stein at shannin@alchemistcdc.org and to AFPCCC at info@afpccc.org.