

The SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CHAPTER of the ASSOCIATION OF FUNDRAISING PROFESSIONALS

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Southwest Florida Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals is pleased to provide MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE GRANTS. The grants are available to individuals applying as new members as well as those whose membership has lapsed and circumstances make it challenging for them to renew. An individual may receive a membership incentive grant only once. A grant of up to 50% of the dues fee, depending on the Chapter's budget availability and the applicant's personal circumstances, may be awarded.

Eligibility:

- To apply for a grant, you must be interested in becoming an actively involved member of the Southwest Florida Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.
- A prospective member grant applicant shall have participated in 3 chapter meetings or programs before being considered eligible for an award. However, the grant request process can begin during this time.
- It is preferred that only one applicant at a time per organization within the community apply for a membership incentive grant.
- Membership Grants Committee members are eligible to apply for the grants, but may not participate in any discussion or consideration of their own application.
- In the case of re-employment of unemployed grant recipients or a change in any grant recipient's financial circumstances, it is recommended that the grant be paid back as if it were a loan, if possible. Funds are limited, so this will enable more applicants in need of assistance to receive grants.

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Length of time in the fundraising field: _____

Area(s) of specialty: _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions:

1. Briefly explain the financial circumstances the committee should consider in awarding you a grant (i.e. – temporarily unemployed; why your organization is unable to pay, etc.)
2. How will a membership incentive grant enhance your career plans and/or job performance?
3. Why do you want to join AFP?
4. If employed, what is your organization's purpose/mission?
5. Please list your top three job responsibilities. How long have you worked for this organization?
6. Which three programs and/or luncheon meetings of the Southwest Florida Chapter of AFP have you attended or will be attending while your application is in process?

Please note:

- Grant applications may be submitted at any time.
- An incomplete application will not be considered.
- Notification will be given within 30 days of acceptance or decline.

Email, mail or deliver completed application form to:

Julie Wills, CFRE

Manatee Glens

P.O. Box 9478

Bradenton, FL 34206

Julie.wills@manateeglens.org (If you don't receive an email verifying receipt of your application within 3 days of submitting it, please call as it may be caught in a spam filter.)

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