



**MIDDLE
PENNSYLVANIA**
CHAPTER

Membership Scholarship for Meeting Professionals

The MPIMP Scholarship for Meeting Professionals was created by MPIMP to help increase membership of meeting professionals, as well as offer opportunities for those responsible for planning meetings and events, who are financially unable to join MPIMP at this time.

Scholarship Goal Our goal is to ensure the meeting professional will experience firsthand the membership benefits of MPIMP. From education programs and Platinum Speakers to networking events and community activities, MPIMP offers the resources for continuous professional growth and improvement.

MPMPI will provide a scholarship to qualified meeting professionals for four (4) years with the following stipulations:

Year 1 – 100% of membership fee paid by MPIMP (MPIMP pays)

Year 2 – 75% of membership fee paid by MPIMP (Member pays and MPIMP reimburses 75% of fee)

Year 3 – 50% of membership fee paid by MPIMP (Member pays and MPIMP reimburses 50% of fee)

Year 4 – 25% of membership fee paid by MPIMP (Member pays and MPIMP reimburses 25% of fee)

Scholarship Recipient Qualifications

- Individuals must plan meetings or events as part of their job responsibilities.
- The applicant cannot be an existing MPIMP or MPI member.
- The applicant must have the authority to sign an event and venue rental contract, as the client, as well as be responsible for detailing events from start to finish.
- The applicant can be a previous scholarship recipient. *Your scholarship will be awarded at your next eligible level. For example, if you had a scholarship for one year already, you would start out at year two (75% funding) on the above scale.*

Scholarship Recipient Requirements

- The recipient is required to be an active Chapter member by attending a minimum of four MPIMP events during each of the four years of scholarship membership (membership year is based on your join date, not the calendar year).
- Be active on a MPIMP Committee (Communications, Education, Membership, Special Events

or Sponsorship) and attend at least five committee meetings each year during the four year scholarship term.

- If at any time during the four year term of this scholarship, a recipient's job duties change so that they no longer meet the scholarship criteria (regardless of employer), MPIMP reserves the right to discontinue the scholarship.
- If, after each of the first three years of membership, the recipient has not attended the required number of committee or chapter meetings, MPIMP reserves the right to discontinue the scholarship.

Application Process

- Scholarships are based upon availability and merit. Applications will be reviewed by members of MPIMP's Membership Committee.

Applicants will be notified by the end of the next full month after the application was received. (i.e. Submit the application on March 15, you will be notified of acceptance or denial, by April 30.)

- To apply, please complete the attached fillable PDF application and return it to MPI - Middle Pennsylvania, P.O. Box 914, Hershey, PA 17033 or save and email the file to mpimiddlepa@outlook.com

MPIMP Scholarship Application for Meeting Professionals

Applicants Name: _____

Organization / Association: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Position: _____ Years Employed: _____

MPIMP Member Who Referred You to MPIMP: _____

Does one of your job duties include meeting/event planning as described in the application criteria?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Please tell us how an MPIMP membership would benefit you. What do you expect to be the outcome?

In return for receiving the MPIMP scholarship you are required to attend four monthly meetings and also join one of our committees. Please indicate which committee you are interested in joining. Please provide your top two choices:

☐ Communications ☐ Education Membership ☐ Sponsorship Special Events

Please indicate your involvement with other professional or community organizations. Feel free to include any awards, recognitions, honors and noteworthy accomplishments.

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If you have not been contacted by Committee Leadership within 30 days of your scholarship acceptance. Please contact Cindy Conaway, Chapter Administrator at mpimiddlepa@outlook.com

Unfortunately we will not be in a position to reimburse membership fees if there is no participation on a committee.