SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The MPI Tennessee Board of Directors is pleased to offer a scholarship program for members of the chapter. Scholarships will be awarded to individuals who are deemed to be deserving of the award as determined by the Board.

Scholarships will be awarded quarterly. Applicants will be notified of the results within 30 days of the submission deadline. Applications are received on a rolling basis and reviewed as received.

New Member Scholarship

Recipient will be awarded funding for their New Member Fee at the Preferred Member level (planner and supplier), based on need, meetings industry involvement/ position in the meetings industry and commitment to be involved with MPI Tennessee. Rules for membership acceptance apply. MPI Tennessee will limit to 3 new member scholarships per year.

Criteria, the recipient:

- Must be a participant of the meetings and events industry
- Has never been a member of MPI
- Must agree to pay any additional costs incurred for events, monthly luncheons, conferences, etc.
- Must use available promotional codes from MPI to waive $50 application fee and/or receive discount.

Upon Award, the recipient:

- Must agree to be a member of the MPI Tennessee chapter without transferring for the first twelve (12) months of membership
- Must attend 50% of their regional MPI meetings or events in the year the scholarship is granted.
- Will serve on a minimum of one (1) committee in the year the scholarship is granted.
- Is encouraged to be a mentor for others who receive this scholarship in the following year.
- Must submit an article on their experience for publication in PlanIt Tennessee.
- Is encouraged to promote membership to fellow industry peers who are not MPI Tennessee members

Membership Renewal Scholarship

Recipient will be awarded funding for their membership renewal fee at the Preferred Member level (planner and supplier), based on need, meetings industry involvement/ position in the meetings industry and commitment to be involved with MPI Tennessee. Rules for membership acceptance apply.

Criteria, the recipient:

· Must be an MPI Tennessee member in good standing for a minimum of one year.
· Has not received a chapter scholarship within two years of the date of application.
· Must agree to pay any additional costs incurred for events, monthly luncheons, conferences, etc.

Upon Award, the recipient:

· Must attend 50% of their regional MPI meetings in the year the scholarship is granted.
· Will serve on one (1) committee in the year the scholarship is granted.
· Is encouraged to be a mentor for others who receive this scholarship in the following year.
· Must submit an article on their experience for publication in PlanIt Tennessee.

Certified Meeting Professional & Certified Meeting Manager Scholarship

Recipient will be awarded $500 to assist with registration and exam fees for Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) designation or $1000 to assist with registration and exam fees for Certified Meeting Manager (CMM) designation. Reimbursement in the amount of the scholarship will be processed after the exam is completed and passed.

Criteria, the recipient:

· Must be a chapter member in good standing for a minimum of one year.
· Has not received a chapter scholarship within two years.
· Must be pre-accepted to sit for the CMP exam/participate in the CMM program.
· Must become certified within one (1) year of the scholarship award.
· Must pass the associated exam/program for which the award is received.
· Must agree to pay any additional costs incurred for registration, study materials, travel and accommodations.

Upon Award, the recipient:

· Must attend 50% of their regional MPI meetings in the year the scholarship is granted.
· Will serve on one (1) committee in the year the scholarship is granted.
· Is encouraged to be a mentor for others who receive this scholarship in the following year.
· Must submit an article on their experience for publication in PlanIt Tennessee.

World Education Conference (WEC) Scholarship

Recipient awarded funding for the MPI World Education Conference early bird registration fee. Reimbursement in the amount of the scholarship will be processed after the event. Applicants whose companies are exhibiting at any of the event tradeshows are not eligible to apply.

Criteria, the recipient:
· Must be a chapter member in good standing for a minimum of one year.
· Has not received a chapter scholarship within two years.
· Must agree to pay any additional costs incurred for travel and accommodations.

Upon Award, the recipient:
· Must attend 50% of their regional MPI meetings in the year the scholarship is granted.
· Will serve on one (1) committee in the year the scholarship is granted.
· Must submit an article on their experience for publication in PlanIt Tennessee.

Certified Meeting Professional Intensive Class Scholarship
In Honor of Carol Norfleet, CMP, DMCP

Recipient will be awarded a maximum of $550 (or current class registration fee) to attend Joanne Dennison's CMP Intensive Class or a class of their choosing. Any travel or accommodation costs will be at the sole responsibility of the attendee. Additionally, this scholarship does not cover the cost to apply or to take the CMP exam. Scholarship will pay direct to the class leader for registration fees.

Criteria, the recipient:
· Must be a chapter member in good standing for a minimum of one year.
· Has not received a chapter scholarship within two years.
· Must plan to sit for the CMP exam within the same calendar year as awarded the scholarship.
· Must agree to pay any additional costs incurred for test registration, study materials, travel and accommodations.

Upon Award, the recipient:
· Will serve on one (1) committee in the year the scholarship is granted.
· Is encouraged to be a mentor for others planning to take the CMP exam in the future
· Must submit an article on their experience for publication in MPI Tennessee's monthly newsletter of 100 words or more.

MPI Foundation Scholarship Opportunities

College Education Funding
Recipient awarded funding towards undergraduate or graduate degrees and requires acceptance in a program of study.

General Leadership Education or Academic Funding
Recipient awarded funding towards education sought inside or outside the traditional academic institution (ex. Certification in Meeting Management)

MPI Programs
Recipient awarded funding towards MPI's well-known Institutes program, CMM program and fees for first-time attendance at MPI conferences.

For more information on scholarships provided by Meeting Professionals International and the MPI Foundation, please visit www.mpiweb.org.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please check the scholarship for which you are applying:

__ New Member Scholarship (not a current member)
__ Membership Renewal Scholarship (current member)
__ $500 toward CMP
__ $1000 toward CMM
__ WEC Registration
__ CMP Intensive Class Scholarship

Personal Information:

Name_____Title_____

Company_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip Code_____

Phone_____ Fax_____

Email_____

Member of MPI? No_____ Yes_____ Member Since _____

Years in present professional position_____

For CMP and CMP Intensive Class Scholarships, do you plan to take the CMP test? _____

I am a: __ Planner __Supplier __Student

Describe your involvement in MPI. Please list all committee involvement. *(Not required for New Member Scholarship Applicants)*

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Have you won any MPI Awards? (Supplier of the Year, Planner of the Year, Rock Star, etc)

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Outside of regular chapter meetings, what other MPI programs have you attended (Leadership programs, WEC, Webinars)

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To what extent does your employer financially support (percentage) your involvement in MPI?

__ Annual Dues __ Monthly Meetings __ Conference Fees

Have you received a Chapter scholarship before? If so, when?

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Please describe your involvement in other meetings industry organizations. Include mention of any articles you have written or presentations you have made.

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Please describe how you have promoted the chapter. (Member sponsorships, guest at monthly meeting, etc)

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Name _____

How will this scholarship benefit your professional development goals?

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Why should you receive this scholarship?

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By submitting this application, I agree to the criteria and requirements pertaining to the scholarship as outlined in the Tennessee Chapter of MPI Scholarships Policies and Procedures. I also agree the scholarship is forfeited if I am unable to participate for any reason or do not pass said exam. I must re-apply for future events and will reimburse MPI Tennessee any advanced award monies and/or any assessed event cancellation fees within 30 days of notification. I will immediately notify the MPI Tennessee Chapter Administrator.

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Print Name Signature Date

Please return your completed application to:

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