



## MPI Foundation Scholarships: The Answer to Your Question

The MPI Foundation is proud to financially support members through the scholarship program. Here are some of the frequently asked questions that the MPI Foundation receives about scholarships. If you have a question that is not listed below, please visit [The MPI Foundation Scholarship Webpage](#) or contact Marcia Whitworth at [mwhitworth@mpiweb.org](mailto:mwhitworth@mpiweb.org). The MPI Foundation is happy to help members in their educational journey within the meeting and event planning industry.

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### 1) What are the requirements for award of a scholarship?

If applying for any MPI Foundation Scholarship, you must obtain the following:

- MPI membership
- Tax form or another document to prove financial need for the scholarship
- Apply three months before funding is required
- Meet one of the quarterly deadlines
- Complete the application online

### 2) What does each Category of Scholarships cover? How will I know what category to select for my scholarship needs?

There are three categories for MPI Foundation Scholarships. The descriptions for each category are listed below:

**CATEGORY I** – College Education Funding is money designated for college work towards undergraduate or graduate degrees and requires acceptance in a program of study. Application for these scholarships must be made a minimum of three (3) months early so as to meet your needed deadline. For example: If you are attending a winter semester, you must submit your application three (3) months minimum before you need to know if you received an award. Please see the following for specific qualifications for our current Category I scholarship fund.

**CATEGORY II** - General Leadership Education or Academic Funding is money designated for knowledge/education sought inside or outside the traditional academic institution. Examples of this education would be college courses for suppliers as well as planners, executive development programs, or industry-specific leadership programs like MPI's Certification in Meeting Management (CMM) program. If applying for the CMM, applicants must be pre-accepted into the program. Application must be made a minimum of three (3) months early so as to meet your needed deadline. For example: If you are attending a fall program, you must submit your application three (3) months minimum before it is needed. Please see below for specific qualifications for the current scholarship funds.

**CATEGORY III** – MPI Programs is money designated specifically for leadership, career and educational opportunities offered exclusively by MPI itself. These would include tuition awards

for such programs as MPI's well known Institutes program, MPI's unique high-level Certification in Meeting Management (CMM) program and fees for first-time attendance at MPI conferences. If applying for CMM funds, applicants must be pre-accepted into the program. Application must be made a minimum of three (3) months early so as to meet your needed deadline. For example: If you are attending a winter program, you must submit your application three (3) months minimum before it is needed. Please see below for specific qualifications.

**3) How is the Scholarship selection? First come, first serve?**

We have four deadlines per year for scholarships:  
March 31, June 30, September 30, December 31

When the deadline arrives, the MPI Foundation Scholarship Committee reviews the applicants for that quarter. Depending on the number of applicants, the various needs and the quality of applications will determine how many applicants will receive funding.

**4) After applying for a scholarship, when will I find out if I was accepted?**

Following the quarter deadline, all applicants will be contacted within 4-6 weeks.

**5) How is the scholarship awarded?**

A member from the MPI Foundation will contact each applicant to let them know if they have or have not been chosen to receive a scholarship. The scholarship winners will be provided with a form regarding payment and will need their university or educational program supply the MPI Foundation with a proper invoice. The winner has one year from the awarded date to apply their scholarship.

**6) Can I re-apply for a scholarship after I have been awarded one in the past?**

Yes! We recognize that there are various steps in one's educational journey which could possibly need additional funding.

**7) Who is on the MPI Foundation Scholarship Committee? Will they see my personal information (name, company)?**

The MPI Foundation Scholarship Committee is a private group that reviews every applicant received. They receive all of the information except the contact details of the applicant to keep the process anonymous.

**Good Luck!**