

Leadership Fresno Alumni Association Scholarship for the Fresno Chamber of Commerce Leadership Fresno Program

The Leadership Fresno Alumni Association (LFAA) is comprised of graduates of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) Leadership Fresno (LF) program. The purpose of the LFAA is to provide meaningful opportunities to ensure the alumni of LF maintain the unique and valuable connections made through the program. These opportunities include networking, lifelong learning, and ways to stay engaged in the community. The LFAA also raises scholarship money for the LF program to help in-need LF class members each year.

Guiding Principles

When awarding scholarships for the LF program, the LFAA adheres to the following principles:

- To the extent they are able, class members have the primary responsibility to pay the program tuition.
- Class members should pay the program tuition according to their ability.
- Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need as determined by the information provided on the class member's application, letter of request and interview with LFAA scholarship committee.
- The maximum scholarship is one-half (1/2) the cost of the tuition.
- If a letter of request is not submitted with an application, the candidate will not be considered for a scholarship.

Application Process

Those applying for the LF program who are in need of assistance with the program tuition and would like to be considered for a scholarship should indicate their interest on the LF application form. In addition, they should write a letter of request indicating why they would like to be considered for a scholarship. The letter should include why they are applying to the program, what they feel they can contribute to the program, what they hope to get out of the program and why they are in need of financial assistance. Given the number of scholarships is limited each year, the applicant should consider both his or her income and assets, including business income and assets, when considering submitting a letter of request for a scholarship.

Applicants will be invited to a short interview with the LFAA scholarship committee to discuss their applications. After all applicants have been interviewed, the scholarship committee will determine the scholarship awards and communicate the results with the Chamber. The Chamber, in turn, will communicate with the applicants. Applicants receiving scholarships are to follow LF program dues scheduled by the Chamber. Unfortunately, there may not be sufficient number of scholarships to be award to all candidates who request assistance.