



**Matthew Cottle Fellowship  
Presented By The Association of Fundraising  
Professionals, SLO County Chapter**

Matthew Cottle strongly supported the education and development of young advancement professionals. He believed in developing the profession by engaging individuals early in their careers for the benefits it provides the individual, their employer, and the profession. This scholarship intends to support and develop local emerging fundraisers.

The scholarship annual package will total up to \$2,000: Young Professional Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) membership (\$120) plus local Chapter dues (\$55), six-monthly chapter meetings (\$250), a ticket to the National Philanthropy Day Luncheon (\$50) and \$1,500 toward the registration and travel costs to attend either the AFP International ICON Conference (April 27-29) or the Fall AFP LEAD Conference. Fees will be disbursed quarterly, or based on need. Receipts will be required for all associated fees for AFPSLOCO's records.

**Criteria:**

- Candidates for recognition will have less than 5 years of experience in the development profession but more than one year.
- Candidates should be under the age of 30.
- Currently works at a local non-profit organization in a fundraising capacity.
- The recipient will provide testimony at following year of the National Philanthropy Day Luncheon (NPD) and/or at a SLO-AFP meeting
- The recipient will commit to attending the majority of monthly AFP program meetings and either the AFP Fall LEAD Conference or the AFP Spring ICON International Conference.

**Application process:**

- Application form to be completed
- One recommendation letter from their organization/employer.
- Preference will be given to individuals who can demonstrate financial need in their application.
- Applications will be available and launched in early February
- Committee to recommend the winner to board at the April board meeting
- Announce winner at the May AFP Monthly Meeting

**Application and letter of recommendation should be submitted by April 1, 2025 through this google form [here](#).**

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