

## **KCCE Scholarship Program Guidelines**

By offering scholarships, KCCE is able to assist with the overall development of local chambers. These programs are designed to help chamber professionals grow in their career as well as provide for operational necessities involved in day-to-day work. Scholarships are available for staff of local chambers in Kentucky only. They are not available for volunteers of local chambers or staff of associate members of KCCE.

The scholarship committee shall be comprised of the Treasurer (chair), two (2) board members and two (2) non-board KCCE members for a total of five (5) people and will regularly review the guidelines, make funding decisions and award scholarships.

### **KCCE – U.S. Chamber Institute for Organization Management (IOM) Scholarship**

KCCE offers scholarships for Institute for Organization Management (IOM): 1) one -two scholarships to cover full tuition at the US Chamber member rate (excluding travel, activity fee and hotel) and 2) a \$500 scholarship for a returning student. Both scholarships require that if the recipient left the chamber profession within one year of receipt their chamber would refund a pro-rated share of the scholarship.

Criteria to qualify for the Institute scholarship:

1. Must be a current KCCE member
2. Application must be received by a specified deadline
3. All applicants are subject to meet with the KCCE Scholarship Committee by conference call
4. Applicant must have been working continuously in the chamber profession for at least two years and demonstrate their intent to remain in the chamber field
5. Applicant must have attended at least 2 KCCE statewide conferences or professional development opportunities
6. Applicants board president/chair must sign a repayment clause stating that it is understood if the recipient leaves the field of chamber work within one year of receiving the scholarship, his/her chamber will refund a pro-rated share of the scholarship to KCCE.
7. A brief essay outlining why applying for scholarship, a summary of career objectives and understanding of organization/chamber management is required with the application.

**KCCE also partners with IOM in their Pay it Forward campaign to offer two \$500 scholarships to first year students.**

### **KCCE - Conference Scholarship**

KCCE awards up to 4 scholarships (with a maximum equivalent to the amount of registration) to individuals who may not otherwise be able to attend the conference due to finances. The scholarship covers the cost of registration only for the individual. In addition, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce allocates up to \$500 per conference towards scholarships and recipients are chosen at the discretion of the Kentucky Chamber staff.

Criteria to qualify for the Conference scholarship:

1. Must be a current KCCE member.
2. Application must be received by a specified deadline.
3. Applicant must intend to work in the chamber profession for at least one year.
4. You may apply annually, however preference will be giving to those who did not receive in the previous year.
5. An exception may be made for volunteer run chambers: A scholarship MAY be available for those who operate in the place of a paid director if funding is available.

### **KCCE – ACCE Convention ‘Dave Adkisson Scholarship’**

The KCCE Board of Directors voted in October 2009 to award a scholarship to the American Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) Annual Convention in Dave Adkisson’s name in honor of him serving as ACCE President 2009-2010. By offering this scholarship to members, ACCE would cover convention registration cost for the KCCE executive director to attend convention. This scholarship is offered in conjunction with the State Executive Association Network (SEANs) that the KCCE Executive Director is a member of. On occasion KCCE may offer additional scholarships for this convention.

Criteria to qualify for the ACCE scholarship:

1. Must be a current KCCE member (does not have to be an ACCE member)
2. Application must be received by a specified deadline
3. Applicant must have attended at least 2 KCCE statewide conferences or other professional development opportunities
4. Applicants board president/chair must sign a repayment clause stating that it is understood if the recipient leaves the field of chamber work within one year of receiving the scholarship, his/her chamber will refund a pro-rated share of the scholarship to KCCE.

In addition to the scholarship offered to the membership, KCCE also covers the cost of convention registration for the incoming board of director’s president.

## **Kentucky Institute for Economic Development (KIED) Scholarship**

Each year KCCE partners with KIED to provide registration for the basic economic development theory and practice training course.

Criteria to qualify for the KIED scholarship:

1. Must be a current KCCE member
2. Application must be received by specified deadline
3. Applicant must perform, or look to perform, economic development duties as part of their chamber responsibilities.

## **International Commerce Specialist Certification Scholarship**

As a partner with the World Trade Center Kentucky and Kentucky Export Initiative, KCCE offers one scholarship to a chamber executive who is looking to develop, increase or enhance their skills as a trade practitioner.

Criteria to qualify for this scholarship:

1. Must be a current KCCE member
2. Application must be received by specified deadline
3. Applicant must perform, or look to perform, export/trade functions as part of their chamber responsibilities.