



2017 AFCPE® Annual Research and Training Symposium

Wednesday, November 15 through Friday, November 17

Student Scholarship Guidelines

AFCPE Student Scholarship Includes:

- Complimentary registration for the 2017 AFCPE Annual Symposium, Nov 15 - 17 in San Diego, CA
- One complimentary night stay at the Paradise Point Resort
- A special Scholarship luncheon on Wednesday, November 15
- Opportunity to be paired with a conference mentor
- Complimentary AFCPE Student Membership for 2018

Eligibility Requirements:

- Full-time students enrolled in personal finance, financial counseling, personal financial planning and consumer science majors.
- Students who have demonstrated a high level of commitment to the field either through service or research.

Submission Process:

- Applicant must complete, sign and submit the [2017 AFCPE Symposium Student Scholarship Application](#)* including:
 - A major financial project from the 2016-2017 academic year (i.e. video, research paper, factsheets, case studies, etc.) While the project should be professional, it does not need to be purely academic. A creative project to get people interested in or excited about personal finance (example: writing and performing a song on a financial topic or instituting a marketing campaign or competition on a personal finance topic) are also appropriate. Project submission may not be longer than 25 pages (inclusive of tables, graphs etc.
 - A formal resume (PDF format preferred). If awarded, resume will be provided to assigned mentor.
 - A letter of recommendation from a University professor. Must be on formal letterhead.
- Application with all materials required for the Student Scholarship must be **received no later than September 8, 2017**.
- Applicant is responsible for reviewing and following all Symposium Student Scholarship guidelines for submission.

*Note: If you are a primary author submitting a research paper for consideration to present at the 2017 AFCPE Symposium, please submit through the Call for Submissions platform. The primary author on all student papers selected to present will be granted a student scholarship. Any additional authors should apply as indicated above.

Student Project Evaluation Criteria:

- Client ready/professional quality
- Appropriateness for an AFCPE audience
- Organization and Readability
- Conclusions/implications
- Contribution to Financial Counseling and Planning field



Scholarship Expectations:

- Recipients are responsible for their own food/travel/hotel expenses, with the exception of 1 complimentary night stay at the Paradise Point Resort.
- Recipients are expected to attend a special Scholarship luncheon on Wednesday, November 15.
- Recipients are expected to show and discuss their student projects during the poster session on Wednesday, November 15, providing valuable networking opportunities with Symposium attendees.
- Recipients are expected to complete a Post Symposium survey, providing feedback to the Symposium Task Force. Insights may be used for AFCPE marketing and communication.
- Recipients are expected to represent themselves and their universities in a professional manner and be an engaged participant in Symposium programming.

Poster Session Details:

- All recipients are expected to show and discuss their student projects during the poster session on Wednesday, November 15. This will provide increased visibility for your work and valuable networking opportunities with Symposium attendees. Past recipients have also received important feedback that has helped them expand upon their work or carry forward into later projects.
- Most project submissions will be easiest to visually showcase in the form of a poster. Posters should be mounted on poster board; poster board and easels will be provided by AFCPE at the symposium.
- During a designated time, you will stand next to your project display to answer questions and provide additional information to symposium attendees.
- More details will be provided to all scholarship recipients, but we encourage you to begin thinking about how to display your project as there will be approximately 6 weeks between the scholarship notification and the Symposium.

Decision Process:

- The number of scholarships awarded is based upon the amount raised through corporate sponsors and generous donations to the Student Scholarship Fund by individual members.
- All applications will be reviewed by the Symposium Scholarship Review Committee, appointed by the AFCPE Board of Directors.
- Scholarship recipients will be announced by **October 2, 2017**.

Timeline:

- March 31, 2017 – Application opens: Students may submit their application
- September 8, 2017 - Registration deadline: No applications will be accepted after this date
- October 2, 2017 – Scholarship awards announced
- November 15-17, 2017 - Students participate in symposium networking and learning opportunities
- November 15, 2017 – Scholarship luncheon and mentor connection
- November 15, 2017 – Poster session: Scholarship recipients showcase their projects