TNSAE CAE Scholarship Program

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The Presidents' Scholarship

Investing in the Future of Association Leadership

The TNSAE CAE Scholarship Program is designed to assist association professionals in earning the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) **Certified Association Executive (CAE)** credential.

Scholarship recipients may receive **up to $2,000** in reimbursement to help offset eligible out-of-pocket expenses associated with earning the CAE designation, including the CAE application fee, study course registration, and standard CAE study materials.

The purpose of the scholarship program is to encourage and further develop professionalism among Tennessee association professionals while supporting those pursuing the CAE credential.

TNSAE gratefully acknowledges the generous support of **Parthenon Management Group**, whose longstanding commitment established the TNSAE CAE Scholarship Program, and the founders of **The Presidents' Scholarship**:

- Roland Myers, CAE
- Lyle Irish, CAE
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Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

✓ Be a current member of the Tennessee Society of Association Executives (TNSAE).
✓ Be eligible to sit for the CAE examination.

Eligibility generally includes:

- Serving as an association CEO for at least three years; or
- Serving as an association staff professional for at least five years.

For complete eligibility requirements, visit **whatiscae.org**.

✓ Take the CAE examination within one year of being selected as a scholarship recipient.

Selection Process

Applications must be received by **Wednesday, November 18, 2026**

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of Certified Association Executives (CAEs).

Scholarship recipient(s) will be recognized during the **Awards of Excellence Luncheon** at the TNSAE Annual Convention on Wednesday, December 2, 2026 (Embassy Suites Franklin Cool Springs).

Scholarship Award

Recipients may be reimbursed for:

• ASAE CAE application fee
• Standard CAE study materials and books
• Approved CAE study courses (such as Michigan SAE's Online Course or ASAE's CAE Immersion Course)

Reimbursement Requirements

Recipients must submit:

• A copy of their completed ASAE CAE application
• Proof of payment for eligible expenses

Questions?

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CAE Scholarship Application

Please complete this application and submit it along with the following. If you cannot edit the PDF, please submit your answers in a separate document.

☐ Current résumé (if available)
☐ Budget outlining your anticipated CAE-related expenses

Applicants are welcome to attach a separate document to respond to the scholarship questions.

Applicant Information

Name

Title

Association

Address

Email

Phone

Years in Association Management & Planned CAE Exam Date

Scholarship Questions

Please respond to the following questions.

1. How and why did you enter the association management profession?

2. Please describe your career goals and explain why earning the CAE credential is important to you.

3. What association management education or professional development opportunities have you completed?

4. What has been your most rewarding experience in association management?

5. Who will be responsible for paying all or part of your expenses related to earning the CAE credential?

☐ Self
☐ Employer
☐ Other _____

Submission Details

Application Deadline: **Wednesday, November 18, 2026**

Please email your completed application and supporting materials to: **jamie@tnsae.org**