

Rose Memorial Scholarship Award

Purpose:

Established by the W.A.C.E. Foundation in memory of **Steve Rose**, this scholarship encourages chamber CEOs with 10+ years of experience to pursue professional development. Valued at **\$1,500**, it supports tuition and expenses for W.A.C.E. or other recognized programs.

Eligibility:

- Must be the **chief paid executive** of a chamber.
- Must have **10+ years** in the chamber profession (staff and executive combined).
- Must be full-time employed in the past year and intend to continue.
- Must be a current W.A.C.E. member in good standing.
- Preference given to applicants pursuing or renewing the **Accredited Chamber Executive (ACE) designation**.
- Must attend the W.A.C.E. Conference to accept the award.

Application Elements:

- Application form and résumé/CV.
- Record of professional development participation.
- Statement of professional goals and intended use of scholarship.
- Verification of eligibility requirements.

Judging Criteria:

- Commitment to continued professional development (30%)
- Demonstrated leadership and contributions to the chamber profession (25%)
- Evidence of impact in chamber/community work (25%)

Alignment with ACE designation or other professional credentialing (20%)