



WESTERN ASSOCIATION
OF CHAMBER EXECUTIVES

Steve Rose Memorial Scholarship Award

The Steve Rose Memorial Scholarship Awards has been established by the W.A.C.E. Foundation Board to encourage chamber chief paid executives with 10 or more years experience to continue to upgrade and expand their skills through participation in professional development programs.

The scholarship is valued at \$1,500 to cover tuition/registration and other related expenses. Programs eligible include the W.A.C.E. Conference and other recognized professional development conferences and programs.

The scholarship will be awarded at the W.A.C.E. Conference and will only be presented when there is a qualified recipient; therefore, this may not be an annual award.

Steve Rose was a 30-year chamber executive. He served on the W.A.C.E. Board, W.A.C.E. Foundation Board, Southern California Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (SCACCE) Board, and the Board of the Westside Council of Chambers. He received the Pettit Award in 2013 for his excellence in leadership and mentoring of chamber colleagues. Steve recognized that supplemental funding to support opportunities for professional development would enable chamber professionals to advance their knowledge or career paths and improve their own chamber. Upon his passing, he bequeathed a portion of his estate to the W.A.C.E. Foundation for that purpose. Steve had a deep commitment to professional development, as well as loyalty and dedication to the goals of both W.A.C.E. and the W.A.C.E. Foundation and felt that professional conferences are essential to improving both the individual and the chamber in which they serve.

To qualify for the Steve Rose Memorial Scholarship Award, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Must currently be the chief paid executive of a chamber of commerce.
2. Must be in the chamber of commerce industry for a minimum of 10 years (time served may include time as a staff member and executive combined).
3. Must be employed full time during the preceding year and plan to continue working as the chief paid executive.
4. Must be a current member in good standing of W.A.C.E.
5. Applicants should be working toward obtaining or renewing their Accredited Chamber Executive (ACE) designation.
6. Must attend the W.A.C.E. Conference to accept the award
7. Current Foundation Board members are not eligible.

Application must be received no later than 12 noon (Pacific) on **November 10, 2022** to: W.A.C.E. Steve Rose Scholarship Award, P.O. Box 1736, Sacramento, CA, 95812 or via email to dave.kilby@calchamber.com



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Name _____

Title _____

Chamber _____

Length of time in chamber profession _____

Length of time in present position _____

Chamber experience (years, chambers, titles) _____

Have you received a W.A.C.E. Foundation scholarship in the last 3 years?

☐ Yes, scholarship received and year _____

☐ No

Answer the following on a separate sheet of paper please answer questions 1-3 below (maximum 200 words per answer):

1. Describe your qualifications for receiving the Steve Rose Memorial Scholarship.
2. Describe your communication plan to share your learning with your staff, organization and W.A.C.E. upon returning from your professional development program.
3. Summarize your career objectives.
4. List any organizations of which you or your chamber is a member and you are involved in (ie. W.A.C.E., state associations, regional associations, ACCE, etc.).
5. Attach a reference letter from your current board chair.

Signature _____ Date _____

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