Elevate the Fundraising Profession with your ACFRE

For more than twenty-five years, the Advanced Certified Fundraising Executive (ACFRE) credential has recognized individuals who have demonstrated the highest ethical standards, a commitment to life-long learning, and through practice and experience, the highest standards in professionalism and leadership. For an ACFRE, fundraising is not just a job, but a long-term career, and perhaps even a calling.

Because it signals the highest level of achievement bestowed by AFP, the ACFRE can result in enhanced employability and salary, as well as meaningful networking connections with fellow senior fundraisers and top philanthropists. ACFRE certificants also serve as thought leaders, teachers and mentors in the philanthropic sector.

Do you have what it takes to achieve AFP’s ultimate professional credential and become a true fundraising influencer?

The ACFRE Process

Achieving the ACFRE credential involves a series of four steps. Following submission of a written application and acceptance by the ACFRE Board, candidates have two years to submit a portfolio of professional achievements for approval, pass a written exam, and successfully complete an oral peer review.

Get Started Today!

For more information and to receive a copy of the ACFRE application, visit ACFRE.org

“I became an ACFRE because I can’t resist a challenge. I love being one because I can now tell everyone about the journey and inspire others to challenge themselves, too.”

Leah Eustace, ACFRE

“I have a more global sense of ownership in how fundraising is done. It has helped me be concerned about the profession as a whole.”

Wayne K. Lynch, ACFRE
ARE YOUR READY FOR THE CHALLENGE? Use this checklist to determine if YOU are ready.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS:
☐ Currently working in the profession.
☐ Minimum of 10 years full-time professional experience in the fundraising field with current certification (see below) OR 15 years of other professional experience with current certification OR 20 years full-time professional experience in fundraising without current certification.

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:
☐ BS/BA degree or equivalent experience.
☐ Participation within the previous five years in at least 15 contact hours of senior-level management and 15 contact hours of senior-level leadership seminars and/or courses. (Credit may be given for teaching or publishing in the field).
☐ Participation within the previous five years in at least 10 hours of ethics courses.

PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS:
☐ Currently holds Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) credential, or the Fellow, Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (FAHP), or International Advanced Diploma in Fundraising (IADF), or 20 years of professional fundraising experience.
☐ Adherence to AFP’s Code of Ethical Standards and the Donor Bill of Rights.
☐ Membership and active participation in a field-related professional organization, with demonstrated volunteer service to nonprofit organizations.

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