



The Capstone of Your Fundraising Career

The Advanced Certified Fundraising Executive (ACFRE) is the highest professional credential conferred by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP). It signals to fellow professionals, employers and the philanthropic community that its bearer possesses mastery of fundraising management and professional standards.

Only the top fundraising executives have the experience, skill and perseverance to reach this capstone of the fundraising profession. 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.

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.

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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 YOU READY FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Use this checklist to determine if YOU are ready.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Your application must document that the following eligibility requirements are met.

PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS:

- Currently working in the profession.
- Minimum of 10 years full-time professional experience in the fundraising field or 15 years of other professional experience.

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).
- 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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