

Eligibility

The Council on Foundations invites individuals and organizations engaged in philanthropy to join us at the 2010 Annual Conference. We welcome trustees and staff of U.S.-based and non-U.S.-based private, operating, and community foundations; public grantmaking charities; and corporate funders (foundations and/or giving programs). We also welcome community foundations, giving circles, philanthropic advisors, and individuals who have a demonstrated record of giving.

Who is Eligible to Attend?

Conference registration is open to all Council members and qualified non-members. If your organization is not a Council member, please read the eligibility guidelines below. After reading the guidelines, if you are still unsure about whether you are eligible to attend, please contact the Council's Membership Services Department at membership@cof.org or 703-879-0645.

Council members receive a special conference rate that is significantly lower than the rate for non-members. If your organization applies for *Council* membership—and your application is approved by December 31, 2010—the Council will apply a credit to your dues payment that equals the difference between the member and non-member rates.

Eligibility Guidelines for Non-Members

The Council requires all non-member organizations and individuals to submit certain documents so we can verify eligibility. The guidelines below (organized by category) explain the specific documents you need to submit. We ask that you send your information as early as possible. Please note that submitting the requested documents does not guarantee eligibility to attend the conference. In addition, please do not make travel arrangements until the Council confirms eligibility.

• Donor advisors

Donor advisors with a community foundation or a commercial gift fund are eligible to attend. Please include a letter with your registration form that lists the name of your fund, place where fund is held, and the fund's inception date.

• Students

Students and recent graduates from accredited educational institutions may be eligible to attend our conferences for a special guest/student rate. Students should complete the conference registration form and include a letter with their area of study, anticipated graduation date, and the reason for attending the conference. Students who are affiliated with an organization that is a Council member should register through the organization.

• Banks and Trust Companies

Non-member representatives from banks, trust companies, and organizations that manage trust funds are eligible to attend if they are sponsored by an eligible foundation or corporate funder. Representatives who wish to register under the name of a bank, trust company, or managing organization must pay the non-member rate.

• Consultants or Legal Counsel

If you are an eligible foundation or corporate funder and wish to register active consultants or legal counsel, you must register these individuals under your organization's name. Please include a letter from your organization stating that the registrant is an active consultant with your foundation/corporation. Please note: this conference is not an opportunity for solicitation of any kind, including asking for business, fund management, or grants. All types of solicitation are strictly prohibited at all Council events.

• Individuals and Giving Circles

Individuals and giving circles are invited to attend the 2010 Annual Conference. Please submit a letter stating the number of years that you have been making gifts to charities, your grantmaking goals with a list of specific grantees, the charitable purpose of grants made, and the amount of gifts paid out in 2009.

Council on Foundations' No Solicitation Rule

This conference is not an opportunity for solicitation of any kind, including asking for business, fund management, or grants. All types of solicitation are strictly prohibited at all Council events. Individuals reported making a solicitation will be asked to leave the 2010 Annual Conference and escorted off the conference site.

I'm a global funder, what's in it for me?

How about the Global Philanthropy dinner and reception where you can hear Helmo Hernández tell how the Cleveland Community Foundation is helping Cuba promote philanthropy? Or the Van Leer Lecture on Monday when you can hear about India's housing boom and how Sheela Patel, leader of the Society for the Promotion of Area Resource Centres, helped bring about the construction of homes for more than 8,500 families.