

Is your GPA Chapter or grant membership organization looking for ways to support the grants profession and their members' professional growth through GPC Exam and CMP Renewal Scholarship(s)?

GPCI suggests the following ideas as to help communicate and promote your groups' Scholarships – as well as other available scholarships - each spring.

Once you have [GPC Scholarships set up](#) – communicate and promote them the following ways:

1. Confirm with GPCI if you have a GPCI Ambassador for your chapter (This is a person to act as a resource for learning more about the GPC and the process of getting the credential.)
2. Notify GPCI that you are planning to provide a scholarship this year. Send an email with details of the scholarship(s) and the contact information of your GPCI Ambassador (or point person) to: gpc-ambassadors@grantcredential.org and scholarships@grantcredential.org. GPCI will include your scholarship on the list of scholarships available in our promotions as appropriate.
3. Have your GPCI Ambassador announce the availability of the scholarship(s) in your chapter meetings.
4. Include a notice of the scholarship in any chapter newsletters and emails. See below for helpful templates.
5. Post an announcement about the scholarship in GPA's GrantZone – both in your chapter's community as well as the GPC Exam Prep Community: <https://grantzone.grantprofessionals.org/communities/community-home?CommunityKey=84c4ada2-b369-4e91-942a-1ae8cbb2aeef>
6. Have your GPCI Ambassador provide a presentation to your chapter on the GPC
 - Highlight the availability of the scholarship and its value
 - Work with GPCI's GPC-Ambassador liaison at gpc-ambassadors@grantcredential.org if you need any assistance, presentation materials, etc.
 - Resources are available here on our website: <https://www.grantcredential.org/about/gpci-ambassadors/>
 - Have GPC(s) available to talk about their journey and how getting the GPC has helped them in their career
7. Encourage all members of your chapter who are interested in the credential (no matter how far into the future) to sign up for GPCI's newsletter to stay abreast of upcoming scholarship cycles & other helpful information and resources. <https://www.grantcredential.org/signup/>
8. Reach out to regional AFP chapters and regional / state nonprofit associations to see if you can include a blurb about the scholarships (and your chapter!) in their newsletter.
9. Send out an email with information on the availability of the scholarship, timelines, and your GPCI Ambassador contact information to your members and ask them to forward the information to any one they know who works with grants
10. Include information on the next GPC Fireside for those who are considering – but still have questions or want to learn more. Upcoming Firesides: <https://www.grantcredential.org/about/events/>
11. Once the scholarship application is open – highlight their availability in your communications and encourage candidates to apply before the deadline (typically it runs from April 1 – April 30th). More details & link to apply can be found here: <https://www.grantcredential.org/the-exam/gpc-scholarships/>
12. Use your social media platforms to provide information on the availability of your scholarships, timelines, and links for more information or to apply.

Timeline:

1. **October – December:** Plan to make room in your next year's budget for GPC Exam and Renewal Scholarships.
2. **January – March:** Promote your scholarship(s) and the timing of the upcoming scholarship application deadline.
3. **April:** Scholarship applications are open. Apply before the deadline!
4. Winners are typically notified 2-3 months after the deadline.
5. **Summer/Fall:** monitor interest in your membership for interest in pursuing their GPC and need for assistance with costs associated with renewing their credential.
6. **All year:** monitor when scholarship winners (or others) pass the GPC Exam & CELEBRATE!!!
7. **Repeat** – and consider adding more scholarships!

Resources:

1. List of previous scholarships & winners: <https://www.grantcredential.org/the-exam/gpc-scholarships/>
2. GPF's scholarship page: <https://grantprofessionalsfoundation.org/scholarships/#GPCI> & recent awardees: <https://grantprofessionalsfoundation.org/gpc-scholarships/>
3. Sample blurbs to modify as needed and include in your newsletters / emails:

Sample promotion copy: [update years appropriately]

Thinking about becoming a GPC, but looking for assistance with the cost? We would like to make you aware of scholarship opportunities to cover costs related to the [GPC exam and registration fees](#) (valued at \$639). Applications will be accepted from April 1 to April 30. In addition, we are excited to announce that scholarships will also be available to GPCs seeking to renew their credentials through the Certification Maintenance Program (CMP). Applications for these scholarships, which are available for the next four cohorts (9/1, 12/1, 3/1 & 6/1) will also be available beginning April 1.

GPC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EXAM AND RENEWAL

Do you have members of your chapter who are thinking about becoming a GPC, but looking for assistance with the cost? Scholarship opportunities to cover full or partial [GPC exam registration fees](#) are now available! Applications can be submitted from April 1 – 30. [Additional information and the link to apply can be found here.](#) Please send this information on to your chapter members!

Do you have GPCs in your chapter who might need assistance with their CMP renewal fees that are coming due in the next year? Scholarship opportunities to cover the cost of the [CMP Renewal fees](#) are now available! Applications can be submitted from April 1 – 30. [Additional information and the link to apply can be found here.](#) Please send this information on to your chapter GPCs!

Please note: GPC scholarship recipients are expected to be notified in June 2026. Scholarship recipients must [register for the exam](#) and [submit an eligibility packet](#) by the end of August 2026 to be able to redeem the scholarship. Once approved to sit for the exam, 2026 scholarship recipients have until December 31, 2026, to complete the GPC exam.