Recognizes Excellence

ESP honors its members and outstanding friends with scholarships and grants.

Member Scholarships...Deadlines vary.

PILD Conference - One $600 scholarship per region to ESP member attending the PILD Conference for the first time. Application Deadline: February 1

McKinney Public Issues - One $500 scholarship to ESP member to attend a professional conference or meeting, or to take formal coursework toward an advanced degree in a public policy/public issues area. Application Deadline: February 1

Richard R. Angus Professional Development - $500 scholarships to encourage, stimulate and support professional development through participation in courses, seminars or workshops. Must be current ESP member. Maximum of four scholarships awarded per year. Application Deadline: March 1

Administrative Leadership - $500 scholarship for unit administrator who is a current ESP member to attend National ESP Conference. Must be first timer. One scholarship is offered per region. Application Deadline: March 1

National Conference Related:

Life/Retiree Member Registration Defrayment - ESP Life and Retiree members attending the National ESP Conference are eligible for a reduced registration fee. Number and value of reduction will vary yearly.

Concurrent Session Presenters at National ESP Conference - $200 per concurrent session presentation at National ESP Conference.

Poster Session Presentations at National ESP Conference—$100 to the top ten poster presentation during National ESP Conference.
MINI GRANTS...February 1 (If all not awarded February 1, a second date of August 1 will be announced)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MINI GRANTS - Up to $1,000 for projects that enhance professionalism in the Cooperative Extension System. Project Coordinator must be ESP member. Maximum of four grants given annually.

SUBMISSION and SELECTION GUIDELINES:

Member Scholarships and Mini-Grants:
- Descriptions are found on the ESP website in the ESP Handbook, Section E. The application forms are on the ESP website at http://espnational.org under the “Forms” button.
- Scholarship applications require the signature of the Chapter President. Mini-Grant applications require the signature of the Chapter President and the Director of Extension.
- Applications are submitted electronically to the Chair of Scholarships, Grants and Recognition, Mary Ellen Blackburn at meblack@uga.edu.
- Applications are reviewed by the Scholarships, Grants and Recognition Committee with recommendations for funding being made to the National ESP Board.

National Conference Related:
- Forms for claiming these stipends are distributed at the National Conference.
- Full registration at the conference is required to collect the stipend.

Check out the ESP Recognition & Professional Development brochures for more Membership Experiences.