



FULL/VOTING MEMBERS are foundations, corporations or philanthropic entities whose primary function and activity is charitable grantmaking.

Submitter Name: _____

Submitter Title: _____

Submitter Email: _____

Submitter Phone: _____

NEW MEMBER DUES' PRORATION POLICY

New Council members who join in the first calendar quarter of the year are required to pay the full year's dues amount.

New Council members who join in either the second or third calendar quarter of the year will have their first-year dues prorated accordingly, with a minimum payment for the year of \$1,500.

New Council members who join in the fourth calendar quarter of the year pay the full year's dues amount for the following calendar year and receive complementary Council membership for the remainder of the current calendar year.



Organization Details

Organization:
Employer Identification Number:
Mailing Address Line 1:
Mailing Address Line 2:
Mailing Address Line 3:
City: State: Postal code: Country:
Phone: Example: 111-222-3333)
Fax: (Example: 111-222-3333)
Website: (Example: http://xyz.org)
Year Established: Number Of Staff: Number Of Board Members/Trustees:

Membership Classification:

- Community Foundation, Tribal Philanthropy, Family Foundation/Philanthropy, Non-US Foundation, Public Foundation, Corporate Giving Program, Social Venture Philanthropy, Private Operating Foundation, Corporate Foundation, Giving Circle or Collective Giving, Independent Foundation

Do you consider your foundation a pass-through foundation? Yes No

Do you consider your foundation a spend down foundation? Yes No

Financial Information for:

Table with 3 columns: Fiscal Year Ending, Assets(Market Value), Grants Paid(Annual Grand Total). Rows for December 2012, 2011, 2010.

Organization's Primary Activities:

Blank lines for describing primary activities.

Brief Description of Giving Program:

Blank lines for describing the giving program.

Contact Persons Details

Primary Council Contact *(required)*

Name: _____

Title: _____

E-mail: (Example: user@xyz.org) _____

Phone: (Example: (111-222-3333)) _____

Additional Contacts	Name	Title	E-mail <i>(Example: user@xyz.org)</i>	Phone <i>(Example: 111-222-3333)</i>
Dues Contact				
Public Policy Contact				
Communications Contact				
Top Foundation Staff				
Board Chair				
Voting Representative				
Additional Contact 1				
Additional Contact 2				
Additional Contact 3				

Check here if you are required to complete IRS Form 990 or 990-PF.

Are you a new Grantmaker? Yes No

Certification

We certify that:

- Through grants, donations and investments, we annually provide charitable support to one or more other organizations, or
- We are a private operating foundation, or
- We are committed to building new grantmaking programs. (New Grantmakers only)

We further certify that:

- Our organization is either a private foundation, corporation or philanthropic entity.
- Our primary activity is charitable support. “Charitable support” is defined as grants, donations, loans and investments in support of charitable activities that are made for the public good. For private operating foundations as defined in section 4942(j)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, the “charitable support” requirement is satisfied if the requirements in section 4942(j)(3) are met.
- Our purpose in joining the Council on Foundations is to advance philanthropy through learning and connecting with others involved in philanthropic activity.

Our organization (please select) has has not been audited by the Internal Revenue Service.

Our organization (please select) has has not been under investigation by a state official responsible for regulating charities.

Our organization has complied with all applicable federal and state registration and reporting requirements.

We subscribe to the Statement of Ethical Principles of the Council on Foundations.

The Council may elect to decline an application based on any evidence of lawsuits, federal or state investigations, or federal or state violations by the organization.

Signature of Primary Council Contact _____ Date: _____

Council on Foundation Membership Dues Schedule

Members of the Council on Foundations are foundations, corporations or philanthropic entities that primarily provide charitable support to two or more unrelated, external organizations or individuals on an annual basis and that support the public good. The member's governance structure is independent of government control or created by tribal law. The purpose for joining the Council is to advance philanthropy through learning and connecting with others involved in philanthropic activity.

The Council has a separate non-voting associate member category for philanthropic support entities, organizations or consultants that are engaged in the professional business of serving foundations, corporations or philanthropic entities.

The Council uses a three-year rolling average of assets and grants to calculate membership dues. For new members in 2016, we will use data from 2010, 2011, and 2012.

	Grant Making					
	Less than \$500,000	\$500,000 - \$749,999	\$750,000 - \$4,999,999	\$5,000,000 - \$9,999,999	\$10,000,000 - \$24,999,999	\$25,000,000+
Less than \$1,000,000	\$1,500	\$1,700	\$1,900	\$2,100	\$2,300	\$2,500
\$1,000,000 - \$9,999,999	\$2,700	\$2,800	\$3,200	\$3,500	\$3,800	\$4,200
\$10,000,000 - \$24,999,999	\$4,500	\$4,600	\$5,300	\$5,800	\$6,300	\$7,000
\$25,000,000 - \$49,999,999	\$7,500	\$7,600	\$8,800	\$9,600	\$10,500	\$11,600
\$50,000,000 - \$99,999,999	\$12,500	\$12,600	\$14,600	\$15,900	\$17,400	\$19,300
\$100,000,000+	\$16,600	\$16,800	\$19,400	\$21,100	\$23,100	\$25,000

Dues for Non-US Foundation (Members Based Outside the United States):

ASSET SIZE	DUES AMOUNT
Less than \$1,000,000	\$1,500
Between \$1,000,000 and \$49,000,000	\$2,500
More than \$50,000,000	\$5,000

**This dues schedule applies to philanthropic organizations that are eligible for membership in the Council including private foundations, community foundations, public foundations, corporate foundations, and corporate giving programs.*

Member Dues Policy - Membership in the Council on Foundations is on a calendar year basis. Membership dues may be rounded to the nearest \$10. For purposes of completing Forms 990 or 990-PF, all dues paid in excess of \$1,500 may reasonably be reported as a grant to the Council rather than an administrative cost. The Council will provide an annual statement substantiation to corporations for dues paid on behalf of corporate giving program members or combined corporate foundation and giving programs members indicating the amount of the dues contribution that qualifies as a charitable deduction for federal income tax purposes.

Total Membership Dues Contribution*: \$ _____

**This Council on Foundations membership dues calculation amount is prorated monthly starting in the second quarter of the year.*

New Council members who join in either the second or third calendar quarter of the year will have their first-year dues prorated accordingly, with a minimum payment for the year of \$1,500.

Statement of Ethical Principles

The Council on Foundations and its members promote the highest standards of ethical behavior. In recognition of the importance of philanthropy toward the public good and those we serve, we adopt these ethical principles.

MISSION

Our members are committed to the public benefit and to their philanthropic purposes and act accordingly.

STEWARDSHIP

Our members manage their resources to maximize philanthropic purposes, not private gain, and actively avoid excessive compensation and unreasonable or unnecessary expenses. They pursue maximum benefit through their work, how they work and by supporting the work of partners, colleagues and grantees.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

In carrying out their philanthropic activities, our members embrace both the letter and the spirit of the law. They welcome public interest, take responsibility for their actions and communicate truthfully.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVENESS

Our members seek diversity and inclusiveness in order to reflect the communities they serve and to ensure that a range of perspectives contribute to the common good and the development of their mission in a changing society.

GOVERNANCE

Our members' governing bodies understand and embrace their responsibility to oversee the mission, strategic direction, finances and operations of their respective organizations, and do so honestly and with integrity. They establish clear and understandable policies and ensure that they are followed.

RESPECT

Members interact respectfully with grantees, colleagues, donors and peers.

Council on Foundations' Policy on Sanctioning Members

While Council members are committed to best practices and high standards of conduct, the Council is not an enforcement organization. Its interest is in protecting and preserving the public trust by encouraging ethically sound management of philanthropic institutions. This commitment to responsible and effective philanthropy led the Council's Board of Directors to establish specific procedures for invoking sanctions for possible or proven institutional misconduct by its members. This process strengthens the ability of the field to regulate itself and helps the Council fulfill its mission to educate its members about best practices and ethics in philanthropy. This and other efforts by grantmakers to monitor their own conduct will help prevent the need for further state and federal oversight and demonstrates the field's eagerness to comply with not only the letter of the law, but the spirit as well.

For the complete text of the Council on Foundations' Policy on Sanctioning Members, visit our membership section of the COF website: www.cof.org.

Please complete and return this form via email to the Council's membership department at membership@cof.org or mail to – Council on Foundations, Attention: Membership Department, 2121 Crystal Dr Ste 700, Arlington, VA 22202. We will review your application and if you are approved for membership, we'll send you an invoice for your dues. Please feel free to contact the Council's membership department with any questions at (703) 879-0645 or membership@cof.org. Thank you!