



## Membership Policy

League Membership is equivalent to membership on the League's Board of Directors and involves full fiduciary responsibility for the organization.

Membership in the League of California Community Foundations does not automatically constitute participation in all League funding initiatives. Funding initiatives are implemented on a case by case basis.

All League members are encouraged to join their national and regional affiliate organizations (e.g., Council on Foundations, Northern California Grantmakers, Southern California Grantmakers).

### Criteria for Membership

- 501(c)(3) tax status
- 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) public charities tax code
- Meets Council on Foundations' definition of community foundation (public support test, broadly representative governing body, operates primarily as a grantmaking institution, defined geographical area, broad grants program, permanent collection of named funds, as described in the Council's Recommended Principles and Practices for Effective Grantmaking)
- Meets or exceeds the *National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations* (Note: League members and associate members are committed to confirming their compliance with national standards through the most rigorous process adopted by the community foundation field.)
- Minimum of a full-time executive director
- Minimum asset level of \$5 million of which \$1 million is in endowment

- A League member in good standing will be current in dues payment and will conduct business in a way that is consistent with the Statement of Mission, Goals, Principles and Values of the League.
- Membership is contingent upon successful completion of the application process, sponsorship by two League members and approval by a majority of League members.

## **Membership Dues**

Annual dues are payable and by January 31 of each year. Checks should be made payable and forwarded to the League of California Community Foundations, P.O. Box 1638, Rohnert Park, CA 94927.

<b><u>Asset Tier</u><sup>1</sup></b>	<b><u>2010 Fee</u><sup>2</sup></b>
<b>I</b> (\$15M and under)	\$2,000 - \$3,500
<b>II</b> (\$15M – \$23M)	\$4,500
<b>III</b> (\$23M – \$50M)	\$5,000
<b>IV</b> (\$50M – \$150M)	\$8,000
<b>V</b> (\$150M – \$1B)	\$11,500
<b>VI</b> (\$1B and above)	\$12,500

*1- Based on 2008 assets*

*2- Due to the recent extraordinary financial distress, the 2010 fees are supplemented through cash reserves and are estimated to return to pre-established levels in the future.*