

Chicago Foundation for Education Associate Committee Membership Overview



CFE'S MISSION AND HISTORY

Teacher quality is a fundamental factor in providing rich educational experience to students. Chicago Foundation for Education (CFE) honors exemplary Chicago Public School (CPS) teachers with leadership, learning, and grant opportunities that enhance teacher quality and stimulate professional growth.

CFE was established by community leaders in 1985 to assist with implementation of character education curriculum in Chicago's public elementary schools. Today CFE facilitates four grant-based programs and the Teachers as Leaders and Learners Workshop annually. Grants are awarded directly to teachers. This work has directly impacted more than one million Chicago public school students to date.

ASSOCIATE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ROLE

Since 2011, CFE's Associate Committee has grown from a group of six to 23 young professionals dedicated to supporting Chicago public school teachers and students. The Associate Committee supports CFE's mission of providing Chicago public school teachers with leadership, learning and grant opportunities by fundraising for and growing awareness of the organization.

Leadership

The committee is led by a group of chairs who lead various initiatives for the committee as a whole including leadership & oversight, membership recruitment, fundraising and volunteering during the course of the year. The group organizes planning sessions during the year to strategize for the fundraising events led by the committee.

Fundraising

The Associate Committee hosts two large fundraising events: the Whirlyball tournament in the fall and the Toast to Teachers happy hour in the spring/ summer. In 2015, the Committee secured over \$43,000 in support through the Whirlyball Tournament.

Committee members are expected to support CFE through a \$250 Give/Get through individual, institutional, or corporate means, or through other commensurate dedication of time and effort.

Associate Committee members are expected to make a personal annual gift and fulfill this Give pledge soon after joining the committee. In an effort to grow CFE's monthly giving program, members are asked to fulfill the Give requirement by joining the Gold Star Supporters monthly giving program and giving an amount of their choice.

Members meet the Get pledge through participation in the Whirlyball or Toast to Teachers events and by encouraging friends, co-workers and family to attend these events.

Members are also asked to support CFE by networking with potential volunteers, donors, Board members, and other Associate Committee members.

Committee Terms and Participation

Membership commitments are at the discretion of the prospective member and the organization, but typically average a two year commitment. Members are eligible to take on leadership roles after serving one full year on the committee. Chairs retain their roles for the duration of one fiscal year (July-June), unless otherwise determined.

We ask that committee members:

- Use sound and independent judgment in pursuing CFE's best interests
- Make personal talents available by volunteering and actively participate in a planning committee
- Be active in the planning of Whirlyball, the AC's marquee fundraiser, and other fundraising events
- Attend CFE events (See FY17 Calendar of Events; at least two volunteer events, Whirlyball, Friday, 11/18/16, one other fundraiser, and two program events)
- Participation in meetings and conference calls
- Keep CFE up to date on contact information changes
- Annually evaluate your own success at fulfilling each of these Committee responsibilities by completing the annual survey (sent out towards the end of the summer)

Qualifications

This is a great opportunity for individuals who are passionate about CFE's mission and have past track records of leadership. Membership on our Associate Committee provides networking opportunities, memorable social events, as well as unique way to be involved in Chicago's education sphere. Committee members are young professionals typically between the ages of 25-40, interested in volunteering and share a desire to support CFE's mission.