



Sorensen Institute Financial Aid Application

The Sorensen Institute offers **limited** financial aid for accepted applicants who might require some financial assistance to participate in our programs. If you are interested in applying for financial aid, please review this packet carefully.

Please note that financial aid from Sorensen's scholarship fund is need-based and is generally no more than 25% of the program fee. If you need more than 25% of the program fee in financial aid you may not be able to participate in the program unless you can find other sources of financial assistance.

Please note also that financial aid applies only to Sorensen's program fees (which cover required lodging and most of the meals associated with the program). Program participants are responsible for their own travel and all other expenses including meals not provided by Sorensen.

Outside Support

Sorensen's adult programs are focused on nonpartisan civic engagement (rather than partisan politics) and are designed as professional development programs. Participants should consider requesting that their employers pay the program fee, as many employers pay program fees for professional development programs such as those offered by the Sorensen Institute.

High school students may want to see if local/regional or institutional support or scholarships are available.

Participants may also want to seek funding from outside sources to cover part or all of the program fee. In that event, please coordinate with Sorensen staff so the funds can be properly allocated to the participant's account.

However, the ultimate responsibility for payment of the program fee lies solely on the participant.

Financial Assistance Payment Plan

As an alternative form of financial assistance, accepted participants may opt into a payment plan when they complete the program acceptance packet after admittance. Currently, the payment plan breaks cost of the program into four separate payments: one initial deposit due with your registration and three subsequent payments typically due by



the end of the program. Opting into a payment plan will include an additional program specific convenience and processing fee.

See your program specific web page and financial aid page tab for program costs, payment plan fees, deposit dates, and payment due dates.

Financial Aid Process

The financial aid process consists of filling out an application describing a participant's financial needs and planned contribution toward their program fee. Financial aid requests do not factor into the decision of whether to accept an applicant into the program. Financial aid requests are reviewed only after applicants are accepted to programs.

Financial aid applications are due when submitting your supplemental documents

(See your program specific web page applicable deadlines)

Applications received after this date likely will not be considered, although extensions may be granted in extenuating circumstances.

How to Apply for Financial Aid or Request a Payment Plan

The following financial aid application should be completed and then uploaded along with your supplemental materials through the same portal as the program application.

The program application portal also includes an option for selecting the payment plan (which includes a program specific convenience and processing fee).



Financial Aid Application

Part 1/3

1. Applicant's First Name

2. Applicant's Last Name

3. Home Address (number and street)

4. Apt. No

5. City, State, Zip Code

6. County or City

7. How many people are in your household?

8. For the purposes of filing taxes, I.... (select one)

☐...am a financial dependent ...Skip to Question 10

☐...am **not** a financial dependent... Continue to Question 9

9. How many people in your household are your dependents? Please list names and relationships to you.

10. Household Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) [*IRS Form 1040--- Line 11; 1040A--- Line 21; 1040EZ--- Line 4*]

Part 1/3

Initial here _____

Part 2/3

11. Employer

12. Job Title

13. Length of Employment

14. Does your employer offer any assistance with continuing education, training program costs, or programs such as Sorensen? Please detail.

15. Amount you will contribute toward your program fees

16. Amount you are seeking in financial aid

Your answers for 15 and 16 should add up to your total program fee (See your program specific webpage for more information)

(Note: HSLP applicants should be aware there are differing costs for single and double rooms)

17. Use this space to provide any additional information about why you are seeking financial aid that you would like the reviewers of your request to be aware of:

Part 2/3

Initial here _____



Part 3/3

By signing below, I certify the following:

The information above in my application is true and factual to the best of my ability.

Sorensen has a limited amount of financial aid available. Financial aid is need-based and is typically no more than 25% of the program fee and may be lower.

I understand that I am still responsible for paying the remainder of my program fee on time.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Part 3/3