

Funds for Friends

I am writing you today on behalf of the ESSAE CAE Scholarship Fund. This fund serves an important purpose: to provide funding for association professionals who wish to expand their knowledge and expertise in the field of association management. Whether in the early years of a promising career or a more tenured position, ongoing professional development is necessary to hone skills and maintain cutting edge creativity. Every one of us can benefit from training and networking opportunities. Yet not everyone works for associations that can afford to provide these important opportunities to their staff. Recognizing this need, ESSAE established a scholarship fund that can help to fill that void. By contributing to this fund, we are helping to ensure the continued professional growth of colleagues who represent and are dedicated to the profession. What better gift can we give than to support the industry that we have made our lifetime work while helping friends and colleagues?

*As you know, the ESSAE Board of Directors voted in 2014 to name this scholarship the **Rita M. Lashway, CAE Scholarship Fund**. I was and remain deeply touched and honored. I want to personally thank the board; Penny and Alaina; NBT Bank, who made the first contribution; my family for their generous support, and all of you who have either made a contribution or expressed interest in making one. Your donation in any amount will demonstrate your support of ESSAE and your fellow association professionals.*

*To make a contribution, please send a check payable to the **Rita M. Lashway, CAE Scholarship Fund** and mail to ESSAE at 120 Defreest Drive, Troy, NY 12180. For questions, please contact Penny Murphy, CAE, President and CEO, at 518-463-1755 or penny@essae.org.*

Rita M. Lashway, CAE



The Rita M. Lashway CAE Scholarship Application

This form, along with a copy of your resume, must be received by the ESSAE office no later than (date) to be considered.

Applicant Name: _____

Title: _____

Employer: _____

Work or Home Address (preferred contact): _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Number of years a member of ESSAE or other state ASAE affiliate: _____

Will your CAE exam expenses be covered by your organization? _____

For what purpose would you use this scholarship? _____

Why are you a good candidate for this scholarship? _____

I attest that I have met the eligibility requirements to sit for the CAE exam to the best of my knowledge, and have submitted the PDP application to ASAE. Further, if I am awarded and accept this scholarship, I agreed to take the CAE exam during the year in which I qualify to sit for the exam. I understand that the check will be awarded upon receipt of ASAE's letter of eligibility. I also grant permission to ESSAE to use notice of such award for public relations purposes.

Signed _____

Date _____



The Rita M. Lashway Scholarship Fund for CAE Candidates

ESSAE has established a scholarship fund to provide ESSAE member association professionals financial aid for the training and expenses involved in obtaining their CAE designation. ESSAE is dedicated to advancing the professional goals of its members, thereby increasing their competency, enhancing their career opportunities, and improving the quality of their professional life.

The Rita Lashway CAE Scholarship will be awarded to a member in good standing of ESSAE who is eligible to attain the CAE designation.

This scholarship will entitle the recipient to receive \$500 toward fees, books and/or expenses related to obtaining the CAE designation. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of merit and financial need, and will be considered by a judging panel of CAEs from the ESSAE membership. Applications will be held in strict confidence and will be reviewed by the panel.

The scholarship will be awarded upon candidate's receipt of ASAE's letter of eligibility, and the CAE exam must be taken in the year the scholarship is awarded. Upcoming exams/deadlines:

CAE Application Deadline: Friday, February 26, 2016

CAE Exam Date: Friday, May 6, 2016

CAE Application Deadline: Friday, September 30, 2016

CAE Exam Date: Friday, December 2, 2016

Use the attached CAE Scholarship Application Form to apply for your scholarship.

Are You Eligible? <http://www.asaecenter.org/YourCareer/contentcae.cfm?ItemNumber=16097&navItemNumber=14985>

Deadline for next CAE Scholarship Application: September 25, 2015

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Members may contribute to The Rita M. Lashway CAE Scholarship Fund to help support its mission. These unrestricted donations will be used to supplement costs related to the preparation and application to the Certified Association Executive (CAE) examination., (Please be aware that ESSAE is a 501(c)6 corporation and donations are not tax-deductible.)