



California Emergency Services Association

2026 CESA Coastal Chapter Conference Scholarship Application

APPLICANT INFORMATION

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

CESA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY/ORGANIZATION/TRIBAL NATION: _____

TYPE (E.G., LOCAL GOV, NGO, TRIBAL, PRIVATE, CONTRACTOR): _____

DIRECT SUPERVISOR NAME: _____

SUPERVISOR E-MAIL: _____

SUPERVISOR PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER: _____

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

The CESA Coastal Chapter is committed to supporting the professional growth of emergency management professionals by providing financial assistance for conference attendance. This scholarship ensures that dedicated individuals, regardless of financial limitations, have the opportunity to enhance their knowledge, expand their networks, and contribute to the field.

Scholarship recipients will receive **free registration** for the **2026 CESA Annual Conference and Training**, taking place in **San Diego, CA, from May 4-8, 2026**. This does not include pre-conference and extracurricular activities.

Eligible applicants must be CESA Coastal Chapter members in good standing. As part of the application process, applicants must provide documentation, including proof of membership, a personal statement and a description of how attending the conference will benefit their professional development and the communities they serve.

Through this scholarship, the CESA Coastal Chapter seeks to invest in emergency services professionals who demonstrate a strong commitment to emergency management and a passion for continuous learning.



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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be current member in good standing with the CESA Coastal Chapter.
- Submit proof of membership (Membership portal or paid membership invoice.).
- Obtain approval from their direct supervisor to attend the conference. Independent contractors must submit documentation confirming no schedule conflicts during the event.
- Submit all required application materials electronically by the deadline.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- A brief biography of the applicant and an overview of their agency or tribal nation.
- A clear explanation of the expected benefits of attending the conference.
- A demonstrated commitment to emergency management and professional development.
- Two references, one of which should ideally be from the applicant's direct supervisor.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Personal Statement (up to 1,000 words): Include agency or tribal nation overview, dedication to emergency management, specific areas of interest, and anticipated benefits of attending the conference.
- Proof of Membership: Verification of current CESA Coastal Chapter membership in good standing.
- Supervisor Approval: Written confirmation from a direct supervisor or equivalent. Independent contractors must include a signed statement confirming availability.
- Two References: References who can speak to your professional character and dedication to emergency management.

SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS & RESTRICTIONS

- Scholarships cover conference registration and travel only (no per diem).
- Awardees must attend the full duration of the conference.
- Scholarships are non-transferable.
- Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
- Not open to: Current CESA Coastal Board Members, CESA Coastal Chapter Scholarship Committee Members, Past full scholarship recipients (within the last 5 years).

POST-CONFERENCE REQUIREMENTS

- Submit a written feedback summary within 60 days of the conference.
- Share insights at a future CESA Coastal Chapter workshop.



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SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Submit all materials electronically to: CESA Coastal Chapter coastal@cesa.net

Application Deadline: April 10, 2026

Be sure your name, CESA Member ID number, and contact information is clearly listed on all submitted materials.

ACCEPTANCE & CANCELLATION POLICY

Once selected, the awardee must accept the scholarship within 3 business days. Failure to do so will result in the award being offered to an alternate candidate. Upon acceptance, the CESA Coastal Committee will proceed with registering the awardee for the 2026 CESA Annual Conference and Training and will send proof of registration to the awardee.

If, for any reason, the awardee is unable to attend the conference, they must notify the CESA Coastal Chapter President via email as soon as possible and no later than 7 business days before the conference begins.

In the event that the awardee is a no-show or fails to attend all days of the conference, except in cases of extraneous circumstances, reimbursement of scholarship to the Coastal Chapter is required within 60 days post-conference. Failure to submit payment within this timeframe will result in the awardee losing good standing with the chapter.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

By signing below, I confirm that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I agree to comply with all scholarship requirements and policies if selected.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____