Harry L. Davis Executive Education Scholarship for Nonprofit Leaders

The Harry L. Davis Executive Education Scholarship for Nonprofit Leaders seeks to provide leaders of nonprofit organizations the opportunity to benefit from an executive education program at Chicago Booth in one of the following areas of study: finance, strategy, innovation and analytics, or leadership.

We are targeting, in particular, candidates of organizations that lack the resources traditionally needed to support their directors’ pursuits of executive education. We hope that after learning from The Chicago Approach™, nonprofit executives will be able to use their new experiences to position their organizations more competitively while benefiting society.

Harry L. Davis, the Roger L. and Rachel M. Goetz Distinguished Service Professor of Creative Management, has personally shaped leadership development at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Over the past 50 years, Professor Davis has pioneered innovative programs such as Leadership Exploration and Development (LEAD), which strengthen students’ communication and interpersonal skills, and Management Lab courses, which supplement the traditional MBA curriculum with client-project teams. Professor Davis’s profound effect on Chicago Booth is deeply felt—this scholarship honors this legacy and his commitment to management education.

The scholarship covers the tuition, books and instructional materials for one Executive Education program with the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. The scholarship recipient must apply it toward one Executive Education program within 12 months of notification. The scholarship is not transferable and has no cash value.

Who Can Apply

- Nonprofit executives directly responsible for shaping their organizations’ mission, policies, and major programs.

- The applicant’s organization must be designated as nonprofit.

- Applicants should have at least one year of experience at current company and at least one year in current role.

- Applicants who have already been selected for the scholarship may apply in subsequent years, but preference is given to applicants from previously unselected organizations to increase diversity within the scholarship pool.
Selection Committee
The Selection Committee will determine scholarship recipients based on its assessment of which applicants will best use the knowledge gained from Chicago Booth Executive Education to further the goals of their organization:

- **Harry L. Davis**, Roger L. and Rachel M. Goetz Distinguished Service Professor of Creative Management
- **Linda E. Ginzel**, Clinical Professor of Managerial Psychology
- **Robert H. Gertner**, Joel F. Gemunder Professor of Strategy and Finance, and John Edwardson Faculty Director Rustandy Center for Social Sector Innovation

How to Apply
Please include the required items below and e-mail completed application to Megan.Millard@chicagobooth.edu.

- Completed application form
- Copy of your organization’s most recent Annual Report, including annual operating budget
- Background information detailing your organization’s mission and purpose, track record in recent years, and future promise (500 word limit)
- Letter of recommendation from your president or chair of the board or other board member if the president is the applicant
- Resume

Annual Application Timeline

*January 9:* Deadline for application submission

*March 6:* Notification of decision

*March 1 of the following year:* Deadline to use scholarship toward an appropriate program
Application for the Harry L. Davis Scholarship for Nonprofit Leaders

Legal Name: ___________________________  Preferred Name: ___________________________

Position/Title: ___________________________  Organization: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________  City/State/Zip code: ___________________________

Phone Number: ___________________________  E-mail Address: ___________________________

Sector:
☐ Arts/Culture  ☐ Environment  ☐ Education  ☐ Social Services  ☐ Civic/Advocacy  ☐ Other: ___________________________

Size of Organization:
Annual Operating Budget (US$): _______ Employees (FTE): _______  

Questions (to be answered in 150 words or less):

1. What are your responsibilities within your organization?

2. What do you hope to learn from the program that you wish to attend using this scholarship?

3. How will receiving this scholarship impact your ability to lead within your organization and to help it overcome current challenges?

Executive Education Area of Interest Selection:
Please indicate your interest in the following categories by ranking them 1-4. (1 indicates your primary level of interest and 4 indicates the least).

Finance:____

Strategy, Innovation, and Analytics:____

Leadership:____