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### **Every Chapter Challenge Initiative 2017 (ECC2017)**

The Board of Directors of the Grant Professionals Foundation announces the kickoff of a 2017 fundraising campaign with the goal of raising \$11,000 to support education and training for grant professionals. The Every Chapter Challenge supports national conference attendance, membership in the Grant Professionals Association (GPA), exam fees for the Grant Professional Certified (GPC) credential and sponsorships for GPA regional conferences.

The Foundation challenges each of GPA's 50 local chapters to raise \$250 for scholarships, and recognizes the highest performing chapter as its Star Chapter at the annual GPA National Conference, held this year in San Diego on November 8-11.

The Every Chapter Challenge is a national campaign to raise funds for the Grant Professionals Foundation. The "Challenge" is participation by 100% of GPA's 50 local chapters located in 34 states. The Board is challenging all chapters to join forces to enhance the GPA membership experience by strengthening non-profits and advancing the grants profession. Proceeds from the Challenge will be used to provide enhanced professional development experiences through GPA membership scholarships and GPA Chapter dues support.

Participating GPA Chapters are eligible to be named as the Foundation's Star Chapter by raising the most funds nationwide, and will be named to the Foundation's Shooting Star Club by meeting or exceeding the 2017 donation goal established by the Foundation Board of Directors. The Star Chapter and Shooting Star Club chapters will be recognized at the GPA Annual Conference, on the Foundation's website and in marketing materials such as the Foundation newsletter and annual report.

The Foundation has awarded national conference and credential exam scholarships to over 100 worthy recipients over the past nine years. Other Foundation projects include fundraising education, regional conference sponsorships and chapter capacity building. Visit us online <http://www.grantprofessionalsfoundation.org> for more information about the Grant Professionals Foundation, the scholarship program or to make a donation.