MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Any community foundation meeting the criteria outlined below shall be eligible for membership in the League of California Community Foundations (League) upon approval by the Board and upon timely payment of such dues and fees as the Board may fix.

ELIGIBILITY

A California community foundation must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for membership in the League:

- Have its principle office in California
- Operate to support a community in California
- Act as a community foundation as defined by the Council on Foundations
- Be staffed by a full-time executive
- Have minimum assets of $10 million

And, either

- Have current accreditation through the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations as established by the Council on Foundations, or
- Agree to commence the process of obtaining such confirmation within one year of being admitted as a member and pursue such confirmation with diligence, or
- Be a past member who lost National Standards certification and can demonstrate successful reconciliation of the issue that caused the loss of certification.

Additionally, members agree to designate its chief executive officer to exercise the rights and to carry out the obligations of the community foundation as a member of the League. No member shall hold more than one (1) membership in the League.
APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for League membership, submit the following electronically to Sheila Tyree (sheila@lccf.org):

- A letter of membership request signed by the CEO and the Board Chair attesting that the community foundation meets all the criteria listed above. The letter should also state the community foundation’s mission, the year it was founded, and the current assets.

League staff will circulate the application letter to the Board, who will have the opportunity to ask questions for clarification. Acceptance to the League will be made by a 51% affirmative vote of Board members.

Every new member will receive an orientation from the League’s CEO within one month of membership approval.