

League of California Community Foundations Membership Policy (as defined in the Bylaws)



Bylaws Section 3.1. **Classes and Qualifications of Membership.** The Corporation shall have one class of Members, designated as regular Members. Any community foundation meeting the criteria described in this Section 3.1 shall be eligible for membership on approval of the membership application by the Board and on timely payment of such dues and fees as the Board may fix from time to time.

To qualify for membership in the Corporation, a community foundation must:

- Have its principal office in California
 - Operate to support a community in California
 - Act as a Community Foundation as defined by the Council on Foundationsⁱ
 - Be staffed by a full-time executive
 - Have a minimum assets of \$10 million
- and, either
- Have a current confirmation of compliance with the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations as established by the Community Foundations National Standards Board, 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 current member that has been confirmed compliant with National Standards in the past and elected not to reconfirm for reasons not associated with compliance, 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 (or a senior staff person designated by the chief executive officer) to exercise the rights and to carry out the obligations of the community foundation as a member of the Corporation. No Member shall hold more than one (1) membership in the Corporation.

ⁱ A community foundation is a tax-exempt, nonprofit, autonomous, nonsectarian philanthropic institution supported by the public with the long-term goals of:

1. Building permanent, component funds established by many separate donors to carry out their charitable interests
2. Supporting the broad-based charitable interests and benefitting the residents of a defined geographic area, typically no larger than a state
3. Serving in leadership roles on important community issues