What is CPF?
The California Planning Foundation (CPF) is a nonprofit, charitable corporation established in 1970 by the CCAPA to further the professional practice of planning in California. The primary CPF activity achieves this goal through scholarships and awards to university students in financial need, who have demonstrated academic excellence in accredited planning programs. A secondary, but vitally important CPF activity is the sponsorship of workshops, publications and other continuing educational and professional development programs. CPF promotes the objectives of equal opportunity and social equity with all programs supported by contributions and fundraising activities. In recent years, CPF has received donations from Planning organizations and CCAPA Sections to fund scholarships for students attending non-accredited planning programs.

Who is a member of CPF?
All members of CCAPA are automatically members of CPF. Although CCAPA members pay annual dues to belong to CCAPA and national APA, there are no separate dues to belong to CPF.

How is CPF funded—where does it get the money to fund annual student scholarships?
CPF depends almost entirely upon the financial support of the CCAPA membership. This support comes primarily from the proceeds raised at the CPF Auction held during the annual CCAPA conference. Additional funds are also generated by the one or more professional development workshops that CPF sponsors each year. Lastly, CPF has an endowment from a one-time fee collected from the CCAPA membership. The interest from this endowment is used to supplement CPF’s annual fundraising activities for student scholarships.

How is CPF Administered?
CPF is governed by an 8-member Board of Directors. The members are elected to four year terms by the CCAPA membership during annual elections. The CPF Board in turn elects officers of the Foundation. The President of CPF also serves as a member of the CCAPA Board of Directors. The CPF Board is responsible for setting the annual budget of the Foundation, developing the annual professional development programs, and selecting the recipients of the Foundation’s annual statewide scholarships.

2006 - 2007 Accomplishments:
- Awarded $35,000 in scholarships, and APA memberships (Up from $25,000 in 2005).
- Increased the amount of the Outstanding Student Scholarships from $3,000 to $4,000; increased the amount of the Runner Up scholarships from $1,500 to $2,000.
- Increased the number of scholarships awarded from 21 to 22 with the addition of a Diversity Scholarship.
- Sponsored successful Mobile Workshops for professional development in Northern (San Francisco) and Southern California (Santa Monica) on the topic of Sustainability.

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