

WIFA Growth Grant

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General

1. What is the WIFA Growth Grant?

In partnership with the Women In Fitness Association (WIFA), ACE is expanding our EDI efforts by supporting current ACE Certified Professionals who are women and the advancement of their careers in the health and fitness industry through the [WIFA Growth Grant](#).

As the only global non-profit organization dedicated to supporting women in the health and fitness industry, WIFA provides its members with unparalleled career development and networking opportunities. Proudly funded by ACE, the WIFA Growth Grant was created to provide eligible health and fitness professionals with **a 1-year WIFA membership** to accelerate their career. The scholarship is open to current ACE Certified Professionals who reside in the U.S.A. and identify as a woman. ACE and WIFA believe that when everyone feels included and respected, there will be progress, innovation and success in the industry.

2. What is included in the WIFA Growth Grant?

Each grant award includes a 1-year WIFA membership with the following benefits:

- a. **Global community meetups**, linking hundreds of WIFA members across the globe
- b. **Networking events**, bringing members together to meet like-minded members and explore new opportunities for collaboration and professional development
- c. **Peer-to-peer mentorships**, connecting members of all experiences to build stronger relationships

- d. **Monthly member toolkits**, providing all you need to step up as a leader in the industry
- e. **Member meetings**, bringing experts from the field to talk about what matters to women
- f. **Exclusive access to video talks and courses**, only available to WIFA members
- g. **Discounts** to WIFA Retreats, events and other programs
- h. And more resources to support your growth!

3. How many WIFA Growth Grants are available?

There are a limited number of grants available.

Eligibility

4. Can I apply for a grant if I don't reside in the U.S.?

Yes, applicants who reside in the U.S. and other countries may apply.

5. I am not a woman or identify as a woman. Am I eligible?

The WIFA Growth Grant seeks to support individuals who would benefit and contribute to the collaborative and interactive WIFA membership experience. These individuals may include persons who are and identify as a woman.

6. My ACE Certification will expire by the application deadline. Am I eligible?

To be eligible, please renew your ACE Certification so that it is current by the application deadline. Click [here](#) to renew today.

Applications & Review Process

7. How do I apply?

To apply, visit the WIFA Growth Grant online application at <https://www.wifa.org/wifagrowthgrant>.

8. When can I apply?

Applications for the WIFA Growth Grant will be accepted between Wednesday, September 15, 2021 to Friday, October 15, 2021 5 P.M. PT. Applications received after 5 P.M. PT will not be accepted.

9. Can I submit a paper application?

No, only applications received through the online WIFA application webpage will be accepted. Click [here](#) to apply online.

10. Can I email my application?

No, only applications received through the online WIFA application webpage will be accepted. Click [here](#) to apply online.

11. Can I submit more than one application?

No. Please submit one application per person. Multiple applications will not improve your chances of receiving a WIFA Growth Grant.

12. When will I find out if I received a grant?

All applicants will be contacted within 30 days of submitting their application.

13. If I receive a grant, can I defer it to a later date?

No, all grant recipients' WIFA memberships will be activated once the award is announced.

14. If I receive a grant, can I give it to someone else?

No, awarded WIFA memberships are only offered to individuals of awarded applications.

15. Who will be reviewing applications?

Representatives from WIFA and ACE will review all applications.

16. How will applications be scored?

All eligible applications will be reviewed and prioritized. Application essays that address the prompt and demonstrate past experience in a mentorship program and a history/commitment to advocacy work in favor of women's issues will be prioritized.

Other

17. Do I have to pay for a WIFA membership after the grant expires?

After the grant expires, individuals can select from a menu of options to continue their WIFA membership. Learn more [here](#).

18. Can I keep the grant if I move outside the U.S. after I receive the grant?

Yes, WIFA is an international organization with members across the world. Applicants must be U.S. residents at the time of the grant award.

19. Can I attend WIFA LEAD events if I receive a WIFA Growth Grant?

Yes! In fact, you are highly encouraged to explore WIFA LEAD events and other opportunities available to you as a WIFA member. Learn more about [WIFA LEAD](#) and other [membership benefits](#).

20. Where can I learn more about WIFA?

Visit the WIFA website [here](#).

21. What other grants/scholarships does ACE offer?

ACE offers grants and scholarships from time to time. Sign up for the [ACE e-newsletter](#) to learn about upcoming opportunities.

22. What is the relationship between ACE and WIFA?

ACE and WIFA began their partnership in 2018 to support and create opportunities for success for women in the fitness industry. The WIFA Growth Grant is a new milestone in this partnership, reflecting each organization's commitment to champion and accelerate women's careers in the industry. Learn more [here](#).

23. How do I become an ACE Certified Professional?

Learn more about NCCA-accredited ACE Certification Programs [here](#).

Have additional questions? Reach out to the WIFA team at ask@womeninfitness.org.