



Dependent Care Grant Program

Program Explanation: Many times IAFP Members have the desire to attend and participate in IAFP’s Annual Meeting but cannot do so due to providing dependent care services to a family member. This “Dependent Care Grant” program initiated by the IAFP Foundation was developed to provide limited financial support to those who may be able to hire additional help at home or who may be able to bring a family member to the Annual Meeting to provide care to the dependent at the meeting site. The grant also extends to cover the expenses of ADA service animals.

Eligibility: Any IAFP member, panelist, or presenter who demonstrates a hardship due to having to care for a human dependent (e.g., child, elderly adult, person with a disability) and would be unable to attend the IAFP Annual Meeting without monetary support to arrange for alternative care options.

Application submission: The application must be submitted by **April 30, 2026** to be considered for IAFP 2026. Explain hardship and how the grant money would help alleviate the situation. An estimate of extra costs for which the grant would be used, above and beyond any usual costs for dependent care or ADA service animal must be clearly stated. Additional information supporting the request may be requested.

Late applications will be considered if funding is available.

Grant approval / denial notification: Submissions received by the due date will be reviewed and applicants will be notified of the decision by **Friday, May 15** to allow time for you to make appropriate arrangements.

Grant disbursements: Grant recipients must provide the following documentation no later than **Tuesday, August 11, 2026** in order to receive the grant money:

- Proof of attendance
- Receipt(s) for the extra cost related to dependent care or ADA service animal

For 2026, a maximum of ten \$500 grants will be provided. All grants provided will be paid after IAFP 2026 and after verification of proper documentation.