Benefits of Membership

Grantmaker exchanges fostered by a regional association produce numerous benefits. Connecting through NY Funders Alliance means funders can access the following:

**Signature Programming**

Expand personal knowledge and that of their organization by extending their network. With discussions, workshops, and webinars, NY Funders Alliance strives to keep members abreast of the latest philanthropic trends, research, and resources

- **Biennial Conference**: This 3-Day event convenes nearly 250 funders throughout New York State to network, learn from each other, and consider new approaches to their work that ultimately will improve communities throughout our region
- **Biennial Funders Convening**: A one-day gathering of members from across the state. Content is designed for all staff and trustees of foundations, grantmaking institutions, and corporate giving offices from across New York State who are interested in a broad spectrum of topics and funding priorities
- **Topical Webinars: Conversations for Grantmakers** that bring content experts to our network and provide opportunities for colleagues around the state to learn from and with each other
- **Regional collaborative learning programs and networking opportunities on issues that shape philanthropy and impact your work like race and equity, public policy, and innovative practices**

**Networking**

Retain and grow strong peer networks. NY Funders Alliance has members across all regions in New York, giving you a vast, thriving network to tap into. Trustees, chief executives, and program and administrative staff at all levels have a safe space to share ideas, challenges, and best practices. Participants reap benefits on all fronts of philanthropic leadership and administration. Examples of NY Funders Alliance facilitated group networking and learning include:

- **Affinity Groups** such as Food Funders, Early Childhood Collaboratives, and Funder Forums
- **Peer Networks** such as Grants Managers, Program Staff, and Community Foundation CEOs
- **Regional Forums** such as the Adirondack Funder Coalition

**Advocacy**

Public Policy Updates. Link to national and statewide resources and conversations
Legislative Support and Philanthropic Representation. We lead and collaborate with like-minded organizations to advocate for, and advance, public policies that promote philanthropy and a vibrant nonprofit sector. NY Funders Alliance also leads a NY delegation to Foundations on the Hill, a two-day event that brings together hundreds of foundation leaders from across the country to meet with Congress and discuss issues of critical importance to philanthropy.

Philanthropy & Public Policy Fellowship. This signature initiative focuses on increasing philanthropic collaborations in New York as well as being a conduit for grantmakers to engage in and learn about local, state, and federal policy.

Knowledge

Monthly Newsletter. News from the office, our members, and upcoming events from the NY Funders Alliance and our partners.

Field-specific reports, publications, and toolkits. Both internally generated and accessed through our network of memberships and resources.

Weekly Philanthronews roundups. A curated collection of news stories, articles, events of note, and information updates from around our network and throughout the broad world of philanthropy.

Memberships and Partners

Regional and National Resources. Access to regional and national conversations, resources, and collaboration opportunities through our partnerships with other philanthropy serving organizations.
**Vendor Discounts**

Access to NY Funders Alliance membership benefits through other philanthropy-supporting organizations. Our membership with the United Philanthropy Forum, Grantmakers for Effective Organizations, New York Council on Nonprofits, Independent Sector, and other organizations allow us to pass on significant benefits to our membership. These benefits and discounts are listed below:

**Alliance Magazine** - 20% discount on new print and digital subscriptions to this magazine for philanthropy and social investment worldwide providing news and analysis of what’s happening in the sector.

**Bromelkamp Company** - Designed in Microsoft Access and Microsoft Dynamics, Bromelkamp Company products are user-modifiable and customized to meet foundations’ needs and are available to members at a 5% discount.

**ClickTime** - Track employee time against the programs and grants you manage, ensure compliance, drive increased funding, and manage expenses with ClickTime, which provides online time tracking and expense reporting free for discounted for members.

**Community Foundation Services** – The United Philanthropy Forum's community foundation services include a national listserv for CEOs of community foundations, two in-person boot camp trainings a year, and a $400 discount on the On-Line Community Foundation Express Training. NY Funders Alliance also facilitates a Community Foundation CEO call for members across the state.

**CrowdCompass** – Get a custom branded mobile event app for your next event or conference, and receive a discount for NY Funders Alliance members.

**D&O Insurance** - Premium pricing programs for D&O, Fiduciary Liability and other coverage to qualified members at a discounted rate.

**Family Philanthropy Online Knowledge Center**- Access cutting edge resources in family philanthropy through discounted subscriptions to NCFP’s online knowledge center.
The Foundation Review - 20% subscription discount on the first peer-reviewed journal of philanthropy, written by and for foundation staff and boards and those who work with them. Each quarterly issue provides peer-reviewed reports about the field of philanthropy.

Foundation Legal Help Desk – Discounted membership rates to the Help Desk, which is designed to provide foundations with access to answers to legal questions related to their operations.

Fundraising Standard - 20% discount to this interactive 40-hour program of online learning designed to give participants a thorough introduction to the process of fundraising and get them started on their first fundraising campaign.


PhilanTrack - Streamline grants management with 10% discount for PhilanTrack for Grantmakers, saving time and money while achieving a better return on grants.

ReadyTalk - Access easy-to-use audio/web/video conferencing at 40% off regular rates, even less than TechSoup!

RingCentral - Save 15% on RingCentral’s comprehensive VOIP phone system, webinars, and audio and video conferences that can be managed from any computer or smartphone. Connect all your employees and locations on the same phone system and take your business anywhere with free phone and desktop apps.

Stanford Social Innovation Review - $10 off a subscription to Stanford Social Innovation Review (SSIR), whose mission is to advance, educate, and inspire the field of social innovation by seeking out, cultivating, and disseminating the best in research- and practice-based knowledge.

Social Impact Exchange - Discounted registration to Annual Conference.

Check our website at www.nyfunders.org for the most current listing of vendor discounts, or contact us at programs@nyfunders.org
Membership

Who Can Join?
Full membership is open to the following organizations:

- Charitable Trusts
- Corporate Foundations & Giving Programs
- Community Foundations
- Donor-Advised Fund Advisors
- Government Agencies that make grants to 501(c)(3) organizations
- Public Foundations and Grantmaking Public Charities (e.g. United Ways, Art Councils, Junior Leagues)
- Private Foundations (Family and Independent)
- Organized Giving Circles

Associate memberships are available for professional philanthropic advisors from:

- Law Firms
- Bank Trust Offices and Wealth Management Departments
- CPA/Accounting Services
- Other Philanthropic Services

Current Membership: by Organization
Our 2018 membership is comprised of the following types of organizations:

- Independent Private Foundation 35%
- Family Foundation 28%
- Corporate Foundation/Giving Program 12%
- Community Foundation 12%
- Associate Member/Philanthropic Advisory Service 6%
- Public Foundation/Federated Fund 7%

How to Join
Organizations and individuals that are interested in membership should contact the staff of NY Funders Alliance to discuss membership and receive a copy of the membership application form or visit our website at www.nyfunders.org/become-a-member