

ACORD Expands Its Young Professionals' Scholarship

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After two successful years, ACORD is expanding its Young Professionals' Scholarship to include students who are working towards degrees in insurance, risk management or related fields. The Young Professionals' Scholarship presents a great opportunity for qualified candidates to engage with the industry on a deeper level, meet their peers and network with established industry professionals. It includes complimentary registration and accommodations at the ACORD Implementation Forum (AIF).

"ACORD has been committed to helping develop the next generation of insurance professionals in all types of roles, from agents to future CIOs," said Malou August, ACORD Director of Event Programs. "Expanding this scholarship to include students with an interest in this industry is a logical step for us."

ACORD is also collaborating with the insurance academic fraternity, Gamma Iota Sigma. The fraternity has chapters at major colleges and universities across the United States. Fraternity members are working towards degrees in insurance-related fields.

Scholarship recipients gain access to networking opportunities with current industry leaders and are among the first to hear fresh ideas about insurance and technology as they are presented at AIF.

To qualify for the ACORD Young Professionals' Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current industry professional under 40 or with less than 5 years industry experience, OR
- Be an active member of the Gamma Iota Sigma fraternity OR pursuing a degree in an insurance related field
- Be a contributing member of the ACORD [Young Professionals' Community](#) on www.acord.org (Registration is free and fast)
- Be a first time attendee at the ACORD Implementation Forum

Scholarship recipients will receive:

- Complimentary event registration to AIF (including all event-based receptions, breakfasts, lunches, and the ACORD Awards ceremony)
- Hotel accommodations for three nights
- A transportation stipend

To apply for the ACORD Young Professionals' Scholarship, click [here](#). The deadline for all submissions is September 3, 2013.