



REALTOR® MENTORSHIP GRANT APPLICATION

The REALTOR® Mentorship Grant Application was established by the Young Professionals Network of the Eastern CT Association of Realtors® to provide financial, educational, and career support for aspiring under-represented real estate agents in Eastern Connecticut.

With the dual layer of support of a qualified Realtor® mentor, this grant program seeks to 1) increase the number of diverse top-producing agents, 2) better represent the communities we serve, and 3) improve the rate of equity and homeownership for ALL citizens in Eastern Connecticut.

As part of the grant, ECAR will help cover onboarding costs of a new agent up to \$1,200, including a one-time reimbursement of REALTOR® fees paid (exclusive of licensing).

Fees that are eligible for reimbursement include:
Annual ECAR/CTR/NAR membership dues
Annual Smart MLS subscriber fees

Funds from the REALTOR® Mentorship Grant are to be dedicated to a recipient who is a mentee of the ECAR member completing this application (Applicant). The applicant must be an active member of ECAR and will serve as a mentor and must be committed to spending five to ten hours per week working with the mentee. The recipient under the mentorship must have a non-related direct relationship with the applicant and be willing to work with the mentor at least during their first year in real estate.

Note: Funds will be dispersed directly to the organization (i.e., ECAR, Smart MLS.), providing services/benefits to the recipient.

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Name of ECAR Member submitting this request (Applicant): _____

Applicant's Broker/Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Name of Mentee who will receive funds if this application is approved (Recipient):

With the above criteria in mind, why are you nominating the recipient for this scholarship/grant?

In what ways have you and will you continue to mentor this individual?

In what way(s) do you feel the REALTOR® Mentorship Grant Program will make a life changing difference to the recipient?

In addition to this application, it is requested that the recipient write a letter providing some family background and the personal reasons why this scholarship/grant is needed. Processing of this application is the responsibility of the YPN Committee, with final approval of the Board of Directors. If this application is approved, the committee encourages both the applicant and the recipient to attend a regular YPN Committee meeting, not only to express thanks but to help promote the Realtor® Mentorship program to future recipients.

To be eligible for an award, the recipient must:

1. Not have previously received an ECAR REALTOR® Mentorship Grant Award
2. Not have previously been a member of any Realtor® Association, including but not limited to ECAR. Reinstatements/name changes are not considered new membership.
3. Have passed the 60-hour real estate course through ECAR
4. Have passed licensing exam and received certificate of completion within 6 months to 2 years of application

Applications may be received at any time. However, only one (1) mentorship will be awarded to one (1) candidate per calendar year. Preference will be given to recipients of the *ECAR Scholarship For Underrepresented Persons*. Incomplete and/or unsigned or applications will not be considered.

Thank you for applying for the REALTOR® Mentorship Grant. The application should be submitted to Kathryn O'Leary, Member Services Director and notification to the applicant will be made within 30 days of receipt by the ECAR Board of Directors.

SIGNED

Applicant: _____ **Date** _____

Applicant's Broker: _____ **Date** _____

Recipient: _____ **Date** _____

Complete and submit a legible copy of your application via email: kathryn@easterncrealtors.com

Or by mail to: ECAR

Attn: Kathryn O'Leary, Member Services Director

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