Educational Resource Packets Available

The Standards for Excellence Institute® has developed a collection of 27 educational resource packets that are intended to assist individual organizations in implementing specific standards. These materials are available free of charge to all members of the Standards for Excellence Institute and include helpful tools to help nonprofits implement specific Standards addressed in the Standards for Excellence: An Ethics and Accountability Code for the Nonprofit Sector®.

The Standards for Excellence educational resource packets generally include information on the importance of implementing specific standards, the justification for the standards, best practices associated with the issue, model procedures, and sample policies. Structurally, they include a narrative memo and attachments. The attachments include both original materials created by the Standards for Excellence Institute, as well as articles and other copyrighted documents that have been obtained with permission from other sources.

Collectively, the 27 packets cover each of the 67 benchmarks in the Standards for Excellence: An Ethics and Accountability Code for the Nonprofit Sector. The following Standards for Excellence educational resource packets are available:

1. Mission, Impact and Planning
2. Program Evaluation
3. Strategic Partnerships
4. Board Member Responsibilities
5. Board and Executive Partnership
6. Succession Planning
7. Board Member Composition and Independence
9. Organizational Sustainability and Sustainability Planning
10. Volunteer Policies
11. Cultural Competency
12. Legal Requirements Checklist
14. Reporting Misconduct and Whistleblower Protection
15. Conflicts of Interest
16. Developing a Code of Ethics
17. Working Professionally and Respectfully with Program Stakeholders
18. Financial Budgeting, Reporting, and Monitoring
19. Financial Policies and Internal Controls
20. Administrative Policies
21. Risk Management and Insurance
22. Resource Development Planning and Sources of Income
23. Fundraising Costs
24. Fundraising Solicitation, Acceptance of Gifts, and Working with Donors
25. Fundraising on Behalf of the Organization
26. Educating and Engaging the Public
27. Advancing the Mission through Public Policy