



## Current SOPHE Student-Focused Initiatives

SOPHE has a long history of supporting students in the transition from student to professional as a means of developing a pipeline of future leaders of the profession. In support of students, SOPHE offers full member benefits to students **for more than 50 percent off the practitioner cost!** Some of the initiatives that SOPHE embarks on to support students and new professionals are:

- **Student/New Professional Community of Practice (CoP)** – This forum provides health education students and recent graduates the opportunity to network with each other, exchange ideas, provide support in job and continuing education searches, and facilitate involvement with SOPHE leadership and program planning. Currently the Student/New Professional CoP has over 500+ students and new professionals subscribed to the online community.
- **Collegiate Champion Program** – This internal SOPHE program provides undergraduate and graduate students the exclusive opportunity to serve as a liaison between the National SOPHE Office and their college/university campus. Through participation, Champions will increase their knowledge about SOPHE and the field of health education/promotion and network with other members who work in a variety of settings, such as health care worksites or local/state/federal government agencies.
- **Student Leadership** – Utilize the many resources offered through SOPHE membership to build your leadership skills and your resume. Serve on one of the SOPHE membership committees, such as **Ethics** or **Membership** committee, or consider running for the Student Trustee position on the Board of Trustees.
- **Scholarships, fellowships and recognition** – SOPHE provides more than \$20,000 a year in scholarship and/or fellowship funding to students through awards including the Graduate Student Research Paper Award, Vivian Drenckhahn Student Scholarships, SOPHE/CDC Fellowships, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund Travel Scholarships and more. Don't miss out!
- **Career Development/Job Opportunities** – Jumpstart your career in the field of health education and promotion by interning with SOPHE in their Washington, DC headquarters office. SOPHE interns have the unique opportunity to gain valuable experience in a professional setting by participating in projects such as advocacy, program planning, communications, and more! Student members also have access to our online career portal for free resume upload/review.
- **SOPHE New Member/First Time Attendee Event** – During the SOPHE Annual Conference, there will be a new member event to help introduce new and prospective members to the organization and help navigate the conference schedule. Can't make it to the Annual Conference? SOPHE has you covered with our free ongoing 'Quarterly Membership Update' webinars, where you can learn even more about member benefits.

*"I believe the skills, knowledge, and experience I gained will have a great benefit as I move forward through my educational and professional career."*

**Donovan McKinley - Intern**

**Join for just \$80\***

\*Completed application must be accompanied by a letter (email is fine) from a professor or other representative of your school stating that you are a full-time student (9 credits or more) in good standing.