

section VII

fiscal management

fm-8 Membership Payment Worksheet

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT WORKSHEET

1. If the name of the organization clearly establishes that it is professional or academic in nature and relates to public employment or education, this Worksheet does not need to be completed and submitted for approval.

Examples of memberships that, by virtue of the names of the organizations, don't require completion of the Worksheet are the American Association of University Women, the Cooperative Education Association, and the National Council for Student Development.

2. For all other memberships, the Worksheet must be thoroughly completed and the required approvals obtained before the expense is incurred.

An example of a membership that may be appropriate but for which the Worksheet needs to be completed is the Chamber of Commerce.

3. Individual memberships are appropriate only:
 - A. if the organization does not allow an institutional membership,
 - B. where the organization requires that MCCCDC hold an institutional membership, and participating MCCCDC employees hold individual memberships; or
 - C. where the appropriate fiscal officer determines that an individual membership is the most cost effective.

For an individual membership, the employee must be full-time.

4. The descriptions provided in Items 3 and 4 must be specific. Vague or overly subjective descriptions won't satisfy the documentation requirement.

Examples of descriptions that are **insufficient** are:

- A. Membership will provide the college with visibility in the community.
- B. Membership will be prestigious.

Examples of descriptions that may be **sufficient** are:

- A. The organization consists of a significant number of employers within the county - a key constituency in developing an appropriate workforce. Some employer-members are significantly involved in the college's workforce development program, such as ____.
- B. This organization is the leading association for registered nurses and plays a significant role in the certification requirements in various states. MCCCDC gains significant insights about curriculum needs for the nursing program from participating in this organization.

5. Likewise, the description on the Worksheet in Item 5 must be precise. It must identify specific activities or objectives of MCCCDC that are satisfied. The benefit that MCCCDC receives also needs to equate to or exceed the expense incurred. So, while the benefit doesn't have to be described in dollars, it must be identified specifically in terms that "paint" a clear picture that the values exchanged are about the same. Higher-dollar expenses require more specificity.

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An example of a description that **fails** meet those requirements is:

- A. The membership provides me with collegial opportunities.

An example of a description that is **sufficient** is:

- A. Membership allows my students access to special collections not viewable by the public. During the preceding year, I escorted 24 students on three separate field studies that included access to the special collections, for a value in excess of the \$300 membership.