



Apra Honors Catherine Gundrun with 2026 Scholarship Award

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Apra is pleased to announce that **Catherine Gundrum, Development Manager at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation**, has been selected as the recipient of the **2026 Apra Scholarship Award**, funded by the Apra Foundation.

Established to support Apra's commitment to professional growth and expand access to educational opportunities, the scholarship recognizes an Apra member who demonstrates outstanding professional merit and leadership potential. The award enables recipients to attend Apra's Prospect Development Conference, where they can deepen their expertise, build meaningful professional connections, and bring new knowledge back to their organizations.

Catherine has quickly established herself as an innovative prospect development professional. Hired to rebuild the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's prospect development infrastructure after more than six years without a dedicated research professional, she is designing and implementing a comprehensive research program that informs fundraising strategy, strengthens leadership decision-making, and supports collaboration across the foundation.

Her work extends beyond traditional prospect research. Catherine has developed standardized research tools, strengthened philanthropic intelligence systems, and partnered closely with fundraising colleagues to translate research into actionable strategy. She has also demonstrated a strong commitment to lifelong learning—pursuing leadership training, founding a Young Professionals employee resource group, and continually seeking opportunities to grow while creating development opportunities for others.

As a member of both Apra International and Apra Wisconsin, Catherine has intentionally begun building relationships within the prospect development community and views the

Prospect Development Conference as an opportunity to deepen her expertise, strengthen her leadership skills, and bring leading practices back to the Greater Milwaukee Foundation.

The Apra Scholarship Award reflects the association's belief that investing in talented professionals strengthens the future of the entire profession. Apra congratulates Catherine Gundrum on this well-deserved recognition and looks forward to the contributions she will continue to make to prospect development and philanthropy.