

2026 AMPLIFY *PAY IT FORWARD* GRANT

This form serves as your application to be considered for the 2026 Pay It Forward Grant, which covers one full registration to the 2026 SMPS Amplify AEC national conference, being held in Las Vegas, NV, from Monday, July 27 to Wednesday, July 29. The total award for the grant is \$2,000 to aid with registration, transportation, and lodging expenses.

Applicants must complete this form in its entirety. Please return to Jess Gillette, CPSM, via email (jess@abcva.org) on or before Wednesday, May 20, 2026. Awardee will be notified by Friday, May 22. (Must register for Amplify by May 31.)

Eligibility

- Be an SMPS DC member in good standing (that's it! Award selection will be based on involvement with SMPS locally, regionally, and nationally)

About the Applicant

Name: _____ Title: _____
Company: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
SMPS member since: _____ Years A/E/C experience: _____
SMPS member number: _____

Please attach a PDF with your responses to the questions below with your application.

1. Summary of SMPS DC Chapter Involvement

Please provide a summary of your SMPS DC chapter involvement to date (any committees, etc.)

2. Responses to Questions

Please provide responses to the following questions (limit responses to one page total):

- *How has SMPS benefited you personally and professionally?*
- *What do you hope to gain from attending Amplify AEC 2026?*

3. Pay It Forward

Describe how you will "pay it forward" to the SMPS DC chapter after attending the conference. Identify an idea, activity, or project you will complete (working with the Education Director) within 4 months of the date of the conference for the purpose of sharing what you have learned with other chapter members. Please limit response to one page.

4. Statement of Agreement

Please state your agreement to develop a blog post for the SMPS DC website summarizing your conference experience..