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**Chris Walker Education Fund Grant Request Deadline is Fast Approaching (Feb. 15)**

**February 4, 2021** – Time is running out to apply for the Chris Walker Education Fund Grant Request for leasing professionals pursuing educational opportunities in the industry. Candidates must complete their application for grants by February 15, 2021. The fund will award a total of \$16,000 in grants to be distributed by the end of February 2021. The grant application process is available to individuals as well as associations, foundations, and institutions. Individual grants may be requested up to \$1,500, or an amount equal to the cost of qualified industry-related education.

Funds available through the Chris Walker Education Fund may be used for any project or need that provides industry education opportunities for leasing professionals. This includes grants for industry-related education, certifications (such as the Certified Lease and Finance Professionals (CLFP) designation), educational initiatives of the NEFA, or other educational initiatives related to the equipment finance industry. Through its founding in 2011, the Chris Walker Education Fund has now funded nearly \$82,000 in educational grants. All grant requests must be submitted online through the following link: <https://www.nefassociation.org/page/FundRequestForm>

**About the fund**

Education was always important to Chris Walker, as a NEFA Member and Member of NEFA's Board of Directors. When Chris passed away in 2011, many NEFA Members and other industry professionals wanted some way they could make a donation to honor Chris and continue his great service to this industry. This resulted in the creation within NEFA of the Chris Walker Education Fund. The Board of Trustees are industry leaders who donate their time and talents to promote the mission of the Chris Walker Education Fund. For more information on the Chris Walker Education Fund, visit [https://www.nefassociation.org/page/Chris\\_Walker\\_Education\\_Fund](https://www.nefassociation.org/page/Chris_Walker_Education_Fund).

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