

ADVISORY COMMITTEE POLICY

The opportunity to serve on an Advisory Committee will be offered to all family members and spouses over the age of 21. Those who have not served on the Board of Directors shall have priority. Directors currently serving on the board are ineligible to serve on the Advisory Committee.

A board member will be assigned to each committee. The committee will elect a chairperson. The annual invitation to serve on the committee will be sent in January with an enclosed reply card.

History

- In 1988 the directors approved having some of the younger family members review applications for the Student Loan Program. The Student Loan Committee became the first Advisory Committee.
- In 1991, recognizing the increase in both eligible advisors and requests for grants of a global nature, the directors added two additional Advisory Committees: one to review and make recommendations regarding proposals concerned with environment and population control and the other for world development concerns.
- In 2000 the directors elected to continue the Student Loan Program and only one Global Committee - to focus on environment and population control issues.
- In 2003 the Harris L. Kempner Student Loan Program was discontinued.

Process

- An opportunity to serve is offered annually to members and spouses of the third and fourth generations over the age of 21. A director advisor sits on each committee; a chair is elected from among the members.
- The Global Committee is composed of five or six members who have studied their assigned proposals related to environmental and/or population control issues. Considering the total dollar limit set by the directors, committee members discuss and recommend funding for each proposal (with directors giving final approval).

Benefits

- Expenses are paid for attendance at the committee meeting.
- Each member has the privilege of designating \$500 to a nonprofit organization of his/her choice.
- Members may attend a Council on Foundations or Conference of Southwest Foundations meeting at Fund expense.