



# The ESOP Association

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## What is the Employee Ownership Foundation?

The Employee Ownership Foundation is the 501(c)(3) educational and research affiliate of The ESOP Association. Since its founding in 1997, the Foundation has undertaken many projects in order to expand the understanding of ESOPs among the American public, and to help existing ESOP companies operate more efficiently in order to benefit the company and ESOP participants.

The Foundation focuses its attention on three essential areas to enhance the expansion of employee ownership by funding programs and projects that are education initiatives, performance advancement, and communication and information.

The Foundation has funded research on the performance of closely held companies, has provided major funding for a leadership course for employee owned company executives in conjunction with the University of Pennsylvania, has aided employee owners in obtaining the skills and tools to perform in an ownership environment by awarding scholarships to employee ownership seminars, retreats, and conferences. These programs and grants include the Charles Edmunson Scholarship Fund, and the Educational Partnership with the University of Pennsylvania to teach the Leading in an Ownership Setting: The Program for CEOs certificate program.

**For additional information about the Employee Ownership Foundation and its programs and scholarships, please visit the website at [www.employeeownershipfoundation.org](http://www.employeeownershipfoundation.org).**



For more information, please call The ESOP Association at 202/293-2971 or email [media@esopassociation.org](mailto:media@esopassociation.org).

Did you know...

■ In 2005, the Employee Ownership Foundation awarded six Edmunson Scholarship. These scholarships are the oldest and most recognized of the Foundation's educational programs. Each year winning ESOP companies are awarded scholarships to help defray the cost of the companies sending non-management employees to ESOP Association programs focused on ownership education.

On the calendar...

***November 10 & 11, 2005***

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Two Day  
Technical Conference

Caesars Palace  
Las Vegas, NV

Call 866/366-3832 or email

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***Winter 2006***

Employee Owner Retreat

Date and Place TBA

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