

Great Plains UMGAF Scholarship Guidelines

The Great Plains AIDS Ambassadors Leadership Team has recommended that \$1,000 of the conference UMGAF be allotted for scholarships each calendar year.

Scholarship funds will be available to Conference AIDS Ambassadors to attend the National UMGAF Conference held biannually, the International UMGAF Conference, or other pertinent HIV AIDS workshops or conferences. The AIDS Ambassadors will receive yearly email reminders that scholarships are available and again when the National UMGAF Conference is publicized.

In years that the National UMGAF is held, it will have priority over other conference/workshops. No scholarship requests other than for National Conference will be considered prior to that conference.

In years when no conferences are available or no requests are received, unused scholarship funds will be carried over for one year. Any funds not used within the two years will be sent to the UM Global AIDS Fund.

Scholarship money can be used for conference fees, transportation and/or lodging. Air flight or mileage at the Great Plains Conference rate will be reimbursed, whichever is less.

The written request should include conference/workshop (if not United Methodist, include sponsors and an outline of topics to be addressed) and amount requested broken down into Registration fee, Transportation, and Lodging. Applicants should indicate their ability to cover some of the cost and, if so, what amount. This information will be used if funds must be allocated to more than one applicant.

Scholarship applications should be forwarded to the Great Plains UMGAF Chair at least 60 days prior to the conference registration deadline.

Approval of any scholarship request will be made by the Great Plains UMGAF Grant Selection Committee. In the case that more than one person requests a scholarship and amount requested exceeds the amount of scholarship funds available, division of funds will be decided based on financial need and other considerations deemed appropriate by the selection committee.

An individual receiving a scholarship will submit an article, about the conference/workshop attended, for publication in GPConnect or on the Great Plains UMGAF website, within 90 days after the event.

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