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NATI 2023 Conference Scholarship Application

NATI is pleased to once again be offering a limited number of partial scholarships to help students, volunteer interpreters & translators, staff of small non-profit organizations, and others who might not otherwise be able to attend our Annual Regional Conference. Preference will be given to those who have not previously received a scholarship; however, if funding allows, others will be eligible. Our goal is to be as inclusive as possible so that we can build a strong and diverse pool of language access specialists.

Anyone requesting financial assistance must complete the 2023 NATI Scholarship Application process. **The application and letters of reference must be received no later than Friday August 4th, 2023. Only complete applications received via email will be considered.**

The scholarship provides a 50% discount off the Early bird rate for NATI members. If you are not a NATI member, the scholarship provides a 50% discount off the non-member Early bird rate. Recipients may register for all or part of the conference.

The announcement of scholarship recipients will be made on **Friday August 11th, 2023. Scholarship recipients must confirm their attendance and pay the remaining 50% of registration costs (or provide proof of promised payment by sponsor) no later than Friday, August 18th, 2023, or their scholarship may be awarded to another applicant.**

NOTE: All applications must be submitted via email to scholarshipsnati@gmail.com no later than August 4th, 2023. If you have any questions, please call Karina at (402) 318-4612.

Each scholarship recipient will be expected to participate fully in the conference for the days that he/she registers to attend. As part of the conference experience, scholars will invest “sweat equity” in the event by helping during the conference at the registration table, during set-up or clean-up, directing attendees to sessions, assisting presenters with distributing and collecting materials, and other tasks as needed.

All scholarship recipients also commit to completing a questionnaire before leaving the conference. This will help NATI improve the scholarship experience and justify future fundraising for our scholarship program. The questionnaire will gather information on what recipients learned, what the experience was like for them and how it will impact their professional development, improve their community service work and help them raise awareness about language access issues and solutions. ***NOTE: Those who do not fulfill this requirement will not be considered for future scholarships.***

We look forward to receiving your scholarship application!

Sincerely,
Karina Ruiz-Vargas & Angela Monterroso
2020 NATI Conference Scholarship Committee

NATI 2022 CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Deadline: August 4th, 2023

Scholarship recipients will be notified by Friday, August 11th, 2023, of their awards.

Instructions: Applications must be complete and emailed; faxed or mailed applications will be not considered because the selection committee works from various locations, and only via email.

1. Email your completed scholarship application no later than August 4th, 2023 to Karina Ruiz-Vargas or Angela Monterosso (Scholarship Committee Chair) to: scholarshipsnati@gmail.com
2. The email subject line MUST be: **2023 Scholarship Application for {Your Full Name}**.
3. Include two (2) brief letters of recommendation from people who have knowledge of your work, academic, or community activities such as an employer, teacher, supervisor, colleague, etc. The recommendations should be addressed to the *NATI 2023 Conference Scholarship Committee*, and should tell the Committee why you would be a worthy and responsible scholarship recipient.
4. Copy and paste the following form below into a new document, complete it, and attach it to your application email.

2023 NATI Scholarship Application for {Your Full Name}

Contact information:

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Email Address _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

1. Two Letters of Recommendation from: (name and address)

2. Are you a current member of NATI? (membership recommended) _____ YES _____ NO
3. If you are an interpreter and/or translator, what languages do you work in? (You do not have to be an interpreter or translator to apply.)
 - a. First (Dominant) Language: _____
 - b. Second Language: _____
4. Have you previously received a scholarship for a NATI conference? _____ YES _____ NO
If so, for which year(s)? _____
5. Which of the following describes you? Please mark all that apply and indicate the name of the institution/business, if applicable:

Self-employed Freelance Interpreter/Translator: _____	Full-time ___	Part-time ___
Government Agency Staff at: _____	Full-time ___	Part-time ___
Non-profit Staff at: _____	Full-time ___	Part-time ___
Community Volunteer at: _____	Full-time ___	Part-time ___
Student at: _____	Full-time ___	Part-time ___
Employee at: _____	Full-time ___	Part-time ___
Other: _____		
6. In a brief essay (no more than 200 words), tell the Scholarship Committee:
 - Why do you need the financial assistance? Please be as specific as you can and mention what other funding sources you have explored (i.e. employers, church, grants).
 - Why do you want to attend the conference?
 - What do you expect to learn at the conference that will help you become a more qualified interpreter/translator?
 - How do you plan to take this new knowledge back to your community/place of employment and apply it to improve language access services for the LEP populations where you live and/or work?
 - What else would you like NATI to know about you?