



## **IRWA Chapter 20 Scholarship Opportunity**

*2019 Education Conference in Portland, Oregon*

The Chapter 20 Executive Board believes that the Annual International Education Conference provides an abundance of educational and networking value to all IRWA members. In addition, Chapter 20 will be hosting the Education Conference in 2020, so will have some additional volunteer needs at the 2019 Education Conference in Portland, Oregon.

Chapter 20 is offering up to FIVE \$750 scholarships to those members who are interested in attending the 2019 Education Conference in Portland, Oregon.

### **To apply for one of these scholarships:**

- **Send a letter of interest to Chapter 20 President, Mindy Leadholm ([Mindy.Leadholm@co.washington.mn.us](mailto:Mindy.Leadholm@co.washington.mn.us)). All letters of interest will be reviewed by our Executive Board.**
- **Your letter of interest should include why you believe you deserve this scholarship, how you hope the conference will benefit you, and how you hope your attending the conference will benefit our Chapter. Also, please note whether you have employer support (money and/or time) to attend the conference and if you are committed to attending the conference if you are awarded this scholarship.**
- **Applications are due by Friday, February 1**

All scholarship money is to be used toward conference registration and/or travel and lodging costs. Reimbursement will be done once all requirements have been met. Receipts should be included.

### **Key Dates:**

- Scholarship Applications Due: Friday, February 1
- Scholarship Recipients will be notified by Friday, February 15
- Early Registration Deadline for the Conference: Friday, February 22
- Education Conference Dates: Sunday, June 9 – Wednesday, June 12

### **Scholarship Recipient Requirements:**

- Attend the Region 3 Caucus and Opening Ceremony on Sunday, June 9
- Attend a minimum of 5 Educational Breakout Sessions (Monday, June 10 – Wednesday, June 12)
- Attend the SR/WA Recognition & Awards luncheon on Monday, June 10
- Volunteer at the 2020 Conference Booth during at least one timeslot
- Be available and willing to help with other volunteer needs



**Optional Opportunities at the Educational Conference for Scholarship Recipients:**

- Attend the Young Professionals Networking Event on Saturday, June 8
- Attend additional Educational Breakout Sessions (Monday, June 10 – Wednesday, June 12)
- Attend the Monday Night RWIEF fundraising event
- Attend the Board of Director's Meeting on Wednesday afternoon as an observer
- Attend the Wednesday Night Closing Reception and Gala Dinner

**After the Conference - Report:**

After the conference is over, we ask that you share with us your experience (this may be shared on our Chapter 20 website and newsletter). You should include the following in your Report:

- What educational sessions did you attend? What did you learn? What were your takeaways?
- What did you volunteer for? What did you learn? Who did you meet as a volunteer?
- What was your overall impression of the conference? Have you attended before?
- Anything else you'd like to share – what you learned, good things about conference, recommendations to make it better, etc. Feel free to be creative – add photos, etc.

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