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Kellogg People of Color Conference Scholarship Eligibility & Application Process

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

The Kellogg People of Color Scholarships is offered to the NCIL, AAIDD, ASA, NDSC, The Arc and TASH conferences to ensure that new local participants of color with disabilities or their family members who wouldn't otherwise participate in the conference or the sponsoring organizations are able to participate and learn from the experience. One of the goals of this scholarship is to provide advocacy skills and a rich learning experience to persons who are new to the field of disability and to get them actively involved in disability and civil rights organizations. This scholarship is open to individuals of color with disabilities or their family members who are not members of the sponsoring organizations. It is expected that scholarship recipients will actively participate in the conference and the host and/or sponsoring organizations for at least one year after being sponsored. All scholarship recipients are responsible for their food and ground transportation expenses.

Conference scholarships include (please use the correct name of the scholarship in the application form):

National Council on Independent Living – June 5-7, 2009

This conference will be held in Washington, DC. Only local participants from the Washington, DC or surrounding areas will be considered. Funding will be for conference attendance and one (1) year membership in NCIL and TASH. Funding is available for 20 individuals of color with disabilities or family members to attend

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities – June 9-12, 2009

This conference will be held in New Orleans, LA. Only local participants from New Orleans or surrounding areas will be considered. Funding will be for conference attendance and one (1) year membership in AAIDD and TASH. Funding is available for 20 individuals of color with disabilities or family members to attend

Autism Society of America – July 22-25, 2009

This conference will be held in St. Charles, IL. Only local participants from St. Charles or surrounding areas will be considered. Funding will be for conference attendance and one (1) year membership in ASA and TASH. Funding is available for 20 individuals of color with disabilities or family members to attend

National Down Syndrome Congress Conference – July 31-August 2, 2009

This conference will be held in Sacramento, CA. Only local participants from Sacramento or surrounding areas will be considered. Funding will be for conference attendance and one (1) year membership in NDSC and TASH. Funding is available for 20 individuals of color with disabilities or family members to attend.

The Arc of the United States – November 11-14, 2009

This conference will be held in Pittsburgh, PA. Only local participants from Pittsburgh or surrounding areas will be considered. Funding will be for conference attendance and one (1) year membership in The Arc and TASH. Funding is available for 20 individuals of color with disabilities or family members to attend.

TASH – November 18-21, 2009

This conference will be held in Pittsburgh, PA. Only local participants from Pittsburgh or surrounding areas will be considered. Funding will be for conference attendance and one (1) year membership in TASH. Funding is available for 20 individuals of color with disabilities or family members to attend.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to receive a Kellogg People of Color Conference Scholarship, candidates must:

- Be an individual or a family member of a person with significant disabilities
- Be a person of color
- Commit to attend and fully participate in the education programs of the conference, including general session(s), concurrent sessions, and town hall meeting(s)
- Desire to be a leader or change agent in the disability community
- Commit to attend and participate in the Intentional Community Meeting to determine best ways to keep people from minority backgrounds involved and informed of disability and/or civil rights issues.
- Write an acknowledgement letter of receipt of scholarship to TASH
- Actively participate for one year in TASH and the organization sponsoring the conference (if different from TASH), and/or a civil rights organization
- Commit to attend once selected, except in the case of a family or personal health emergency. Cancellations must be communicated to the TASH Outreach Director as soon as possible to make the scholarship available to another applicant.

Application Process

The complete application packet includes:

- The Application Form signed by the applicant
- Commitment Form signed by the applicant
- Scholarship biographical information sheet
- Completed registration form for the host conference

The full application packet must be received by:

June 5, 2009 for the NCIL Conference
June 5, 2009 for the AAIDD Conference
July 15, 2009 for the ASA Conference
September 1, 2009 for the The Arc Conference
September 1, 2009 for the TASH Conference

Submit application packet and other requirements to:

TASH

People of Color Scholarships

1025 Vermont Ave., Suite 300

Phone: (202) 540-9016

Fax: (202) 540-9019

Email: pdukes@tash.org

PEOPLE OF COLOR CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name: (Mr/Ms/Mrs) _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone () _____ Email _____

Race _____ Ethnicity _____ Primary Language _____

Conference You are Applying for _____
(see page 1 above)

Attach:

- a personal statement that includes why you wish to attend the conference, what you plan to do with knowledge gained, an explanation for why you will not be able to attend the conference without this financial assistance (including what other sources were asked such as an employer or other funder), and how you plan to serve as an agent of change in the disability community (1-2 pages total)
- People of Color biographical information sheet
- Commitment letter signed by you

With this signature, I assert these statements are true to the best of my ability.

Signature of Applicant Date



KELLOGG PEOPLE OF COLOR CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

Your signature on this agreement form confirms that you have read the TASH Scholarship requirements and, if selected, commit to:

- Attend and fully participate in the education programs of the conference, including general sessions, concurrent sessions, and town hall meetings
- Desire to be a leader or change agent in the disability community
- Commit to attend and participate in the Intentional Communities to determine best ways to keep people from minority backgrounds involved and informed of disability and/or civil rights issues
- Participate in follow up activities designed to get more information on supporting people of color with disabilities and/or getting scholarship recipients actively engaged in advocacy related to people with disabilities
- Write an acknowledgement letter of receipt of scholarship to TASH
- Actively participate for one (1) year on the local level in TASH, the organization sponsoring the conference and/or a civil rights organization
- Commit to attend once selected, except in the case of a family or personal health emergency. Cancellations must be communicated to the TASH Outreach Director as soon as possible to make the scholarship available to another applicant.

Applicant Name: (Mr/Ms/Mrs) _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone () _____ Email _____

Race _____ Ethnicity _____ Primary Language _____

Signature **Date**



People of Color Scholarship Biographical Information Sheet

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Please circle your response to the right (shown) and then include any written responses in the box which contains the question.
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Do you have a disability? <i>If yes, please specify below the disability.</i>
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Do you have a family member with a disability? <i>If yes, please specify below the disability.</i>
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Have you attended any disability conferences before? <i>If yes, please list below which ones you've attended along with the year of attendance.</i>
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Are you a member of any disability organization? <i>If so, please specify below which ones.</i>
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Are you active in any disability organization? <i>If so, please specify below which ones.</i>
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Are you willing to become active in a disability organization for at least one year?
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Are you willing to share with other parents of or individuals with disabilities what you've learned at the conference?
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Are you active with any civil rights groups? <i>If so, please specify below which ones.</i>
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Do you have access to any other sources of funding that may help you attend the conference (friends, workplace, organizations, etc.)