



Association of Professional Dog Trainers Foundation Annual Conference and Trade Show Scholarship for 2017

Policies

Purpose

To allow Supporting, Professional, or Professional Premium members to attend the APDT Annual Conference and Trade Show who may not otherwise have the funds available to do so. The scholarship covers the conference registration fee for four full days at the conference except for additional expenses such as travel, hotel, meals, and workshops.

Eligibility

Eligibility for the scholarship includes all active supporting, professional, and professional premium APDT members including new members except for members of the APDT Board of Directors and the APDT Foundation Board of Directors. Applicants must be a current supporting, professional, or professional premium member in good standing during the year in which the scholarship is awarded; new members are encouraged to apply. Affiliate and subscription members are not eligible to apply. Recipients of the scholarship are not eligible to apply again for five years. The APDT Foundation will maintain a list of scholarship recipients.

Funding Sources

Funding sources may include, but are not limited to institutions, companies, or individuals who wish to donate monies to sponsor the scholarship program. Contributors will be listed as a sponsor to the APDT Foundation Annual Conference Scholarship Program in the conference booklet, on the website, and in *The APDT Chronicle of the Dog*.

Procedures

Application

Applicants will submit a completed application by May 1, 2017. Applications are to be submitted to info@apdtfoundation.org.

Selection

The APDT Foundation Scholarship Review Committee will use the scholarship application to select the winning applicants. Applications will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Content, completeness and thoroughness of responses to application questions
- Participation in community activities, such as volunteer work with shelters
- Participation in APDT programs and on APDT committees and task forces
- Financial need

The number of applicants selected to receive funds will be limited by the amount of monies available provided through sponsorships.

The APDT Foundation Scholarship Committee will notify the President of the Board of Directors of all scholarship winners. The APDT Foundation will notify the scholarship winners by **May 15, 2017**.



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Annual Conference Scholarship Application

Purpose

To allow more APDT supporting, professional, and professional premium members to attend the 2017 APDT Annual Conference in Richmond, VA.

Award

A scholarship will cover the registration fee for four full days. Recipients are not eligible to apply again for five years. The number of applicants selected to receive funds is limited by the amount of sponsorship funds raised each year.

Eligibility Requirements

- Active current APDT supporting, professional, or professional premium members, including new members
- Members of the APDT Board of Directors, the APDT Foundation Board of Directors, and affiliate and subscriber members are not eligible.

Conference

Applicants are expected to highlight their scholarship at the conference in one of several ways. Options include using social media (Facebook, Twitter, blogs, etc.) to inform others what they have learned, writing article or blogs, being interviewed for *The APDT Chronicle of the Dog*, etc. Recipients may also be interviewed by local media and for publications such as shelter or rescue newsletters or websites. Assistance will be provided.

Process

Applications will be scored by the APDT Foundation Scholarship Review Committee using the following criteria:

- Content, completeness and thoroughness of answers to application questions
- Participation in community activities, such as volunteer work with shelters
- Participation in APDT programs or on APDT committees or task forces
- Financial need
- Additional points awarded if 2017 will be the first APDT conference for the applicant



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APDT applicant number (for office use only): A_____

Applicant Name: _____

Preferred Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip code: _____

Country: _____ Phone number: _____

Email Address: _____

Years of APDT membership: _____ (if less than a year please indicate days or months)

(To ensure objectivity, this page will not be forwarded to the APDT Foundation Scholarship Review Committee)

(A____)

*Your responses to the following questions will be judged on content, completeness and thoroughness. Each response has a character limit of 1,200 characters (about 200 words). You may use more space than given but remember the character limit. **To facilitate objectivity, please refrain from naming your shelter, rescue, training business or work name or location, or anything else that may identify you.***

1. Why is continuing education vital for professional and personal excellence as a trainer?

2. Describe the meaning of “professional excellence” for you as a trainer.

3. Explain in detail how you impact your community as a dog owner, shelter staff or volunteer, or professional trainer through community outreach programs or training classes, working with schools or community centers, or connecting with other dog owners and dog enthusiasts.

4. How will attending the APDT Conference help you reach your personal or educational goals as a dog owner, shelter staff or volunteer, or professional trainer? List at least three ways that you believe attendance will help you improve your training practice.

5. The APDT conference provides many avenues for growth and education for dog owners, shelter staff and volunteers, and professional trainers. If you receive this scholarship, how will your attendance at the conference enhance your ability to better serve your community?

6. Technology is changing the face of our profession. How has technology impacted you as a dog owner, shelter staff or volunteer, or professional trainer?

7. In what ways are you using technology to develop your personal or professional network with other dog owners, shelter staff or volunteers, training colleagues, and allied pet professionals as well as to improve your skills as a trainer?

8. A. What is the most recent year you attended an APDT conference or have you never attended one?

8. B. If you do not receive this scholarship, do you have the financial resources to attend the conference?

9. A. Do you participate in the APDT CLASS program? If so, how? If not, how familiar are you with CLASS and what are your plans for future participation?

9. B. Do you participate in the APDT Online Community or Facebook group, and, if so, how?

9. C. What APDT online educational courses have you taken?

10. A. Are you a member of a regional networking trainers group? If so, tell us a bit about your participation.

10. B. List any volunteer involvement with APDT, such as membership on a committee or task force.

10. C. Describe your involvement as a volunteer or in civic activities in your community – in relation to dogs or other non-dog specific activities.

10. D. If you are new to APDT what features of the membership do you think you will use the most and how do you think that will help you in dog specific activities.

11. Please tell us something amazing about the dog(s) you share your life with.

Deadline for Submission: May 1, 2017