

2019 Meals on Wheels Annual Conference Scholarship, Provided by PetSmart Charities

Meals On Wheels America

ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP

Thanks to support from PetSmart Charities, Meals on Wheels America is pleased to provide scholarships of \$1,000 each to assist Members in attending the **2019 Meals on Wheels Annual Conference and Expo** this August 27-29, 2019, in Dallas, TX. Scholarship funding can be applied toward the cost of full Conference registration, Pre-Conference event registration, hotel and/or travel. PetSmart Charities and Meals on Wheels America partner in efforts around the human-animal bond, so scholarships will be granted to organizations who currently offer, or have a focus on creating or improving, the services provided to pets of their Meals on Wheels clients. The purpose of this scholarship is to create the opportunity to support the continued learning and innovation around pet initiatives within our network.

For more information about this year's event, visit www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/conference.

All active Meals on Wheels America Member programs are eligible to apply for one PetSmart Charities scholarship to send a staff person or board member to the 2019 Conference. Scholarship applications will be judged on what could be gained by attending and the programs' current and future work in pet-related services for older adults as part of their holistic service delivery model. Applicants will be asked to describe their current and future work in pet care and outline how attending this year's Conference will support their future works.

If selected for a scholarship, recipients will be required to attend PetSmart Charities-related sessions and events during the Conference.

As a condition of receiving a Scholarship check for Conference attendance, recipients must be dues-paying Members of Meals on Wheels America at the time of application submission and remain in good standing through August 29, 2019.

NOTE: Each Member program is eligible to receive one PetSmart Charities scholarship and therefore only one application will be reviewed. Before submitting an application, please confer with your staff on who will be submitting the application for your organization.

Application Deadline: 5:00 p.m. EDT, Friday, May 17, 2019.

Scholarship Announcements: Results will be communicated by mid-June.

Conference Registration: Scholarship award recipients will be required to register and pay

Conference Full Registration fees. We strongly encourage recipients register prior to the July 3, 2019 Early Bird deadline to secure the lowest possible rate.

Scholarship Checks: A check for the full amount of the scholarship will be mailed to the Member program following the Conference and should be received by the end of September.

If your organization has already purchased their registration to the Conference, you are still eligible to apply and use the scholarship funding to cover your related expenses.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions regarding this scholarship application, please contact grants@mealsonwheelsamerica.org.

Project Name*

(e.g. "Organization Name – 2019 PetSmart Charities Scholarship Application")

Character Limit: 200

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Organizational Need*

In 2,000 characters or less, tell us what your organization hopes to gain by attending this year's Conference.

Character Limit: 2000

Current Organizational Pet-Focused Work*

In 2,000 characters or less, tell us what your program is experiencing as far as the demand for pet-related services, and your current work in meeting these needs, if applicable.

Character Limit: 2000

Future Organizational Pet-Focused Work*

In 2,000 characters or less, tell us about your planned or future work in providing pet-related services for your clients.

Character Limit: 2000

Individual Attendance at Meals on Wheels Annual Conference and Expo*

Would this be your first time attending a Meals on Wheels Annual Conference and Expo?

Choices

Yes

No

If You Have Attended Before ...*

... Please list the years you attended.

If you have not attended before, please enter "N/A."

Character Limit: 250

Organizational Attendance at Meals on Wheels Annual Conference and Expo*

Has anyone from your organization, outside of yourself, attended a Meals on Wheels Annual Conference and Expo in the past?

Choices

Yes

No

If yes, please list the years your organization attended.*

If no, please enter "N/A."

Character Limit: 250

Annual Senior Nutrition Program Operating Budget*

Please select your organization's annual senior nutrition program operating budget. *(Please choose one)*

Choices

Less than \$500,000

Between \$500,000 and \$2 Million

More than \$2 Million

Geographic Location of Clients*

Please select the geographic location of the majority of your clients that you serve. *(Choose all that apply)*

Choices

Rural

Suburban

Urban

How many seniors does your organization serve annually?*

Character Limit: 20

How many pets does your organization serve annually?*

Character Limit: 20

How many meals does your organization serve annually?*

Character Limit: 20

How many full-time staff does your nutrition program have?*

Character Limit: 20