

Student Conference Support Description and Application Instructions

For SOPHE's Health Education Advocacy Summit * Midyear Scientific Conference * Annual Meeting



Support: Student conference support can include any combination of registration fee to the conference and any real and reasonable travel expenses incurred, as per federal per diem, and lodging at the official conference hotel or a substitute hotel, not to exceed the cost of the assigned conference hotel. SOPHE also encourages and allows conference support funds to be used for supplemental SOPHE chapter membership. **Total support cannot exceed \$500 and will be reimbursed upon submission of receipts and required travel reimbursement form following the event.**

Eligibility: Students eligible for support must be an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled full-time, and in good academic standing in a health education or health education related major. **Students must be members in good standing in national SOPHE or a SOPHE chapter at the time of application.** Students must be nominated by a faculty member in the student's program; **the faculty member must be a current member of National SOPHE.** *Preference will be given students who have not previously received a SOPHE scholarship award.*



APPLICATION FOR SUPPORT CHECK LIST

Application for Support must include:

- Completed student conference support application form.
- One-page (single-spaced) statement from the applicant demonstrating interest in attending the event and commitment to share information gained or lessons learned with fellow students or colleagues. The statement will also be reviewed for quality of writing and overall enthusiasm for attending.
- Letter of support from full-time Faculty member **who is a current National SOPHE Member**, validating the applicant is enrolled full time and in good academic standing in the college/university and the major department. Support letters should also articulate how/why the student will benefit from attending the event. The letter of support must be on official college/department stationery.

Application Deadlines:

2009 Annual Meeting (Nov. 5-7, 2009; Philadelphia, PA) : **Application Deadline – September 15, 2009.**
2010 Annual Health Advocacy Summit (March 6-8, 2010; Washington, DC) : **Application Deadline – January 29, 2010.**
2010 Midyear Scientific Conference (April 4-7, 2010; Atlanta, GA) : **Application Deadline – February 26, 2010.**

Mail or fax applications to: Student Scholarship, Society for Public Health Education, 10 G Street, N.E, Suite 605, Washington, DC 20002. Fax: 202/408-9815. Applicants will be notified of the review committee's decision within two weeks after the application deadline.

Note: Event registration is separate from this application. Please visit the SOPHE website at www.sophe.org to obtain instructions for registering to attend the event.

Terms and conditions:

- For the Midyear and Annual Meetings, students receiving support must attend the Student and New Professional's Caucus meeting and all caucus-sponsored sessions or events during the duration of the conference.
- **Every** recipient of support will be required to complete a 1,000-word reflection (double-spaced) reflection essay on the benefits of attending a SOPHE conference, lessons learned, and how the information was shared with fellow students or otherwise used. Support recipients must send essays to National SOPHE, along with all reimbursement forms and receipts, within 30 days after the conference/Summit.
- Sponsored students who receive a conference/meeting scholarship are not eligible for the Vivian Drenckhahn Student Scholarship Award.

Complete scholarship information is available at www.sophe.org

Questions? Contact Carmen Head at thead@sophe.org or 202.408.9804.