



OAC National Convention 2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Deadline: Tuesday, April 30

Please complete all sections of the below application and submit via your preferred means (see bottom of page 4 for more info) no later than **Tuesday, April 30**. Applications will be evaluated based on a weighted scale, according to the following criteria – **Statement of Financial Need (50%)**; **Impact of Obesity on Your Life (35%)**; and **Your Intent for Attending the *Your Weight Matters* Convention & EXPO (15%)**.

To ensure the most objective decision-making process, an outside third-party will handle the review/evaluation of all Convention Scholarship applications. The Obesity Research Team at the Milken Institute School for Public Health at the George Washington University will serve as the Review Committee and will handle reviewing and receiving all applications. Complete details on the Convention Scholarship Program may be found on the OAC Convention Web site at www.YWMConvention.com.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

- 1. Applicant Full Name:** _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____
Phone: _____ **Email:** _____
- 2. Are you at least 18 years of age?** Yes No
- 3. Have you attended a past OAC Convention?** Yes No *If Yes, which year(s) did you attend?* _____
- 4. Have you received an OAC Convention Scholarship in the past?** Yes No *If Yes, which year(s)?* _____
- 5. What is your gender?** _____
- 6. Which best classifies your interest in weight and health? (Optional, not required for application submission)**
 - Post Bariatric Surgery Patient
 - Pre-surgical Patient (*surgical treatment planned and/or scheduled*)
 - Individual who has sought non-surgical treatment (*pharmacotherapy, medical weight management, etc.*)
 - Individual struggling with weight-related issues and not yet sought treatment
 - Other – *Please specify:* _____
- 7. Which of the following best represents your racial or ethnic heritage? (Optional, not required for application submission)**
 - Non-Hispanic, White or Euro-American
 - Black, Afro-Caribbean, or African American
 - Latino or Hispanic American
 - East Asian or Asian American
 - South Asian or Indian American
 - Native American or Alaskan Native
 - Other
 - Prefer Not to Answer*

3. **Why do you want to attend the 2019 Your Weight Matters Convention & EXPO? (500 words or less) – 15% of application**

Acknowledgement:

By completing this application for an OAC National Convention Scholarship, you are affirming that the information provided is accurate and that you meet all eligibility requirements, which include: 18 years of age or older (unless travelling with a parent or legal guardian); have plans to attend the 2019 OAC Convention; are an attendee not seeking CE Credits; are not a relative of an OAC staff person, OAC National Board Member, or OAC Committee Member (or actual member of these groups). If awarded a scholarship, recipients must agree to submit a testimony of their Convention experience (pre or post-meeting) to be used in future promotional materials for the YWM Convention Scholarship Program. Convention Scholarships have a maximum value of \$1,400 (\$350 - Full Convention Registration actual attendee cost; \$550 - Hotel; Up to \$500 – Airfare or mileage reimbursement). Convention Scholarships do not have a cash value.

PRINT NAME

Signature

Date

All applications are reviewed by an authorized third party (The Milken Institute School for Public Health at the George Washington University), but responses will remain confidential and will not be shared with any outside party. Please send completed applications to:

Email: scholarships@obesityaction.org

Fax: (813) 873-7838 (Attn: Convention Scholarship Program)

DEADLINE: *Tuesday, April 30*

Mail:

Obesity Action Coalition
Attn: Convention Scholarship Program
4511 North Himes Ave., Suite 250
Tampa, FL 33614

(All applications received by mail or fax will be forwarded to George Washington University for review)