

2019 Empowerment Retreat Scholarships

INFORMATION

This year, SBRN has funding from the *Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation* for a limited number of **Empowerment Retreat Scholarships** to assist individuals with attending the retreat. This year, the retreat is being held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Edison, NJ, from September 20-September 22, 2019. The scholarships are intended to partially defray retreat expenses for people who, due to financial need, would not otherwise be able to attend the conference.

If you are planning to attend the retreat, you may request an application from the SBRN. Keep in mind that these scholarships offer partial funding only and you will need other resources to cover remaining expenditures. There is limited funding and all applicants may not be funded.

Who can apply? Adults over 21 years, with spina bifida or other disabilities who are planning to attend the retreat for at least one night.

How much funding can be requested? Due to limited funds, and in order to allow more people to attend events, the scholarships will cover only certain types of expenditures and will not cover full expenses of attending the retreat. Scholarships can cover up to \$300.

What types of expenses can be covered? Scholarships can be used for: *meeting registration costs, travel expenses, and/or hotel rooms*. (Meals will not be covered.)

How will scholarship awards be determined?

Scholarship recipients and amount of funding will be determined by SBRN and will be based on:

- Financial Need
- Responses to essay questions
- Availability of funds
- Willingness to share the knowledge you have gained after the event

When are applications due? Applications must be submitted to SBRN **by August 15, 2019**. SBRN will review the applications as quickly as possible and notify the applicants through email or mail.

When are funds paid to the recipient? After review, recipients will be notified by mail or email prior to the retreat whether they will receive a scholarship and the upper limit of what they can be reimbursed for. Funds are paid after the conference, when receipts/proof of payment and attendance have been submitted. Note: Funds will not be reimbursed for meetings committed to but not attended.

What is required after the conference? Scholarship recipients will need to submit receipts, or other proof of payment, from the event in order to be reimbursed. Scholarship recipients will also be asked to complete a short Recipient Survey, which will include information on how they will share their knowledge. In addition, SBRN is requesting (if possible) that recipients provide a photograph of the individual at the event that we may use in our publications.

For more information or to request an application, contact SBRN at (908) 782-7475 or info@thesbrn.org. Applications can also be printed from our website: www.thesbrn.org.

Completed applications should be sent to SBRN at:

MAIL: 84 Park Avenue, Suite G-106
Flemington, NJ 08822
Attn: Retreat Scholarship

or

EMAIL: info@thesbrn.org
Include "Retreat Scholarship" in the subject line

or

FAX: (908) 782-6102