



Desiree Alliance Social Justice Task Force

Conference Scholarship Application Guidelines

Eligible Applicant-

Scholarships are for leaders, new activists and sex workers with priority to people of low income, people of color, immigrants, gay, lesbian, bisexual or transpeople, differently-abled/disabled people, senior citizens and youth/young adults to support diverse participation in the sex worker rights movement. We will consider people who have experience of sex work-this could mean that you worked as an escort, sex worker, prostitute, street worker, massage worker, exotic dancer, hustler, lived with the support of sugar-daddy or sugar-mama, had sex for housing/food/clothing, had sex for drugs, or had sex to get the money that you needed to survive.

How To Send In Your Application-

****Applications must be received by April 1st, 2010****

You may send your completed application E-Mail or Postal Mail:

E-Mail: Liz at

hdfemme@gmail.com

Postal Mail:

Desiree Alliance
2756 N. Green Valley Parkway Box 104
Henderson, NV.
89014-2120

Award Notification-

All applicants will hear of the process outcome by May 9th, 2010

*Please note that we expect to have only a small number of awards available due to financial constraints. Our last conference we were able to fund 11 full scholarship attendees and 4 partial scholarship attendees with registration fee assistance available to 10 others.

Instructions-

Please answer the following questions as best you can. There are no wrong answers.

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Tell us anything you think might be relevant to deciding if you are a leader or representative of a community that we are trying to include. If more space is needed, please use additional sheets of paper to complete this application.

Application Assistance-

The Social Justice Task Force is offering support in filling out this application. We are available to assist if you need help with your application. You can contact us by emailing Liz at: hdfemme@gmail.com before March 15th, 2010.

***Name:** _____

NOTE: You may use any name or pronoun that you identify with when applying for the conference and while attending. However, if you receive a scholarship we will ask for the name that is on your ID if we need to book Transportation.

***If you believe you will encounter problems traveling because of ID or related issues**

Please check here _____ and one of our Social Justice Task Force Volunteers will contact you.

*** Phone Number:** _____

(May a message be left at number listed above?) yes _____ no _____

***E-Mail** (If available): _____

***I consider myself to be:**

(Female/Male/Transwoman/Transman/Intersex/Gender Queer/Other)

***My race or ethnicity to be:** _____

***The language I prefer to use is:** _____

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***I also speak:** _____

I consider myself to be:-Please circle best answer*

(Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Queer/Heterosexual/Other)

I consider myself to be disabled or differently-abled?-Please check best answer*

___ Yes ___ No

If Yes, please describe): _____

Age-Please check best answer*

18-21 ___

22-30 ___

31-45 ___

46-56 ___

57-64 ___

65+ _____

***I am a presenter or moderator at the conference:-** *Please circle best answer*

Yes/No/Not Sure

***Please explain what types of support would be needed for you to attend the conference:**

Examples: (Registration/Airfare, Train Fare, Bus Fare/Housing Accommodations/Etc.)

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DIRECTIONS:

For the next five sections, please answer each question with no more than 150 words. Your answers will not be judged for grammar or writing style. If you are filling this out by hand, please use additional sheets of paper as needed.

(1) **Please tell us more about the community you are from, especially noting your experience with the sex worker community.** Be as specific as you feel you can about your experience in the community and the challenges faced by you and others in your community. If there is some information that you would rather not put in writing for any reason, indicate that you would like a reviewer to call you. We will keep any information you give us confidential. Also remember you can use any name to fill in this form and this will help keep any information you give us at this stage confidential.

(2) **Please tell us about any organizing or advocacy experience you have had in your community.** For example, do you represent the sex worker community in any meeting or networks? Include names of organizations or groups that you have worked with. Have you been involved in any campaign for change? Have you worked with other sex workers in your area to improve your lives or working conditions? If you haven't yet, but would like to, then tell us your thoughts. Remember that we want to give scholarships to new people as well.

(3) **Part of our mission is to acknowledge oppression and privilege.** Please tell us about any personal oppressions or privileges you feel you have experienced such as race, age, body type, gender, sexual identity, financial status, substance use/abuse, prison or felony conviction, mental health issues, education, police brutality, etc.

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(4) **Please tell us about any additional resources you might have.** Do you receive support from a day job outside of sex work? Is your job able to help you attend the conference? Do you have additional support via a sugar daddy or thru sex work? If you don't receive the scholarship, how will you pay for the conference? Are you able to pay for any part of this event?

(5) **OPTIONAL references: If you are finalist for a scholarship we will contact you, so that you may provide us the names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers of 2 references who can support your application.** This could be another member of the community, a leader of a campaign, or someone from an organization. If you would like to give us the name of your references now please list them here.