

2015 Palliative Care in Oncology Symposium Conquer Cancer Foundation Patient Advocate Scholarship Program

Patient advocates are invited to apply for a scholarship to attend the [2015 Palliative Care in Oncology Symposium](#) at the Boston Marriot Copley Place from October 9-10, 2015. This Patient Advocate Scholarship Program is made possible by the Conquer Cancer Foundation of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, through the generous support of Onyx Pharmaceuticals, Takeda Oncology, and the Conquer Cancer Foundation Patient and Family Support Fund. Scholarships are available to help cover travel, hotel, and registration expenses for advocates traveling from outside the Boston area to attend the Palliative Care in Oncology Symposium. Applications will be evaluated and reviewed based on the **Scholarship Eligibility and Criteria**. Scholarship recipients based in the United States will be reimbursed **\$900** after the Meeting and upon receipt of an expense form, applicable receipts, and a brief testimonial.

The Conquer Cancer Foundation Patient Advocate Scholarship Program is an opportunity for patient advocates to attend the sessions at the Palliative Care in Oncology Symposium and then return to their organizations and their communities to share what they have learned. It is our hope that scholarship recipients will be motivated to seek out and participate in consumer advocacy opportunities, lending a crucial perspective and making a difference in the lives of people affected by cancer.

Applications will be accepted between 12:00 PM (Noon) Eastern Time on Monday, August 10 and 12:00 PM (Noon) Eastern Time on Thursday, August 13, 2015. Please review the Scholarship Eligibility and Criteria before completing a scholarship application. All applicants will be notified of their application status on August 17.

About the 2015 Palliative Care in Oncology Symposium

The 2015 Palliative Care in Oncology Symposium will provide information that is vital to the entire cancer care continuum, from laboratory research regarding biologic mechanisms of symptoms to caring for patients' psychosocial and spiritual needs during cancer treatment and at end of life. Abstracts will be discussed in the General Sessions, as well as in dedicated Oral Abstract and Poster Discussion Sessions, providing ample context around the scientific data—the whole-patient perspective. Four new networking events have been added this year, allowing for increased interaction with colleagues from within and outside of your specialty as well as increased opportunities for one-on-one discussions with palliative care experts. <http://pallonc.org/>

About the Conquer Cancer Foundation of the American Society of Clinical Oncology

The Conquer Cancer Foundation is working to create a world free from the fear of cancer by funding breakthrough research, by sharing knowledge with physicians and patients worldwide, and by supporting initiatives to ensure that all people have access to high-quality cancer care. Working in close collaboration with a global network of top scientists and clinicians, as well as leading advocacy and research organizations, the Foundation draws on the passion and expertise of more than 35,000 oncology professionals who are members of its partner organization, the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). For more information, visit the [Conquer Cancer Foundation](#).

Scholarship Eligibility and Criteria

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- Eligibility is based primarily on financial need as well as advocacy experience and current activities.
- Applicants are encouraged to provide a compelling reason why their attendance at the Symposium is vital to their advocacy role(s).
- Consumer advocates who are involved in cancer advocacy for various organizations but are not compensated for their attendance at medical conferences are encouraged to apply. Priority will be given to patient advocates who indicate that they work as volunteers on behalf of a non-profit organization that provides programs, information, resources, and support for people affected by cancer (rather than directly employed by a non-profit organization).
- Eligibility is also based on applicant's anticipated role and function at the Palliative Care in Oncology Symposium. Although scholarships are open to advocates affiliated with organizations that are registered exhibitors at the Symposium, advocates who plan to attend the Symposium to primarily staff an exhibit table on behalf of a national not-for-profit patient advocacy organization (rather than attend the meeting sessions) are asked to refrain from applying for a scholarship. Additionally, advocates who plan to interview medical experts in order to produce video footage are asked to refrain from applying. If a scholarship recipient engages in such activity, his/her scholarship will be revoked and he/she will not be eligible to receive a scholarship in the future.
- Scholarships are open to people living in the United States (outside of the Boston area) who will need to stay in a hotel during their attendance at the Palliative Care in Oncology Symposium.
- Scholarships are limited to up to 2 employees per organization (however, there is no limit for those who *volunteer* on behalf of a non-profit organization, academic institution, or serve as a patient advocate on a cancer research committee).
- Recipients must agree to use the scholarship to attend the full 2015 Palliative Care in Oncology Symposium, which begins at 7:00 AM Eastern Standard Time on Friday, October 9 and ends at 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time on Saturday, October 10 (no exceptions). To view the meeting program, please visit the Symposium website at <http://pallonc.org/>.

- Advocates awarded a scholarship must **register for the 2015 Palliative Care in Oncology Symposium by September 2**, at the discounted patient advocate registration rate of \$200 and also make their own travel and hotel reservations, paying all expenses up front.
- Scholarship recipients may reserve a hotel room at the Boston Marriott Copley Place by visiting the meeting website at <http://pallonc.org/>. The current rate at the Boston Marriott Copley Place is \$309 per night, plus taxes and fees. Cancellation of registration, flight, and hotel reservations due to any unforeseen circumstance is not the responsibility of ASCO or the Conquer Cancer Foundation.
- By applying for and accepting a scholarship, recipients must agree to provide a brief testimonial (200 words or less) at the conclusion of the Symposium. The testimonial should summarize the recipient's overall experience and the education they gained from attending the Symposium. Recipients must agree that the testimonial or a portion thereof may be posted on ASCO's patient website, Cancer.Net, or on the Conquer Cancer Foundation website, www.conquercancerfoundation.org.
- Scholarships are reserved for patient advocates only. Medical professionals, including nurses, social workers, and counselors, are encouraged to register for the Symposium at the registration rate that corresponds to their profession. Registration information is available on the Symposium website at <http://pallonc.org/>.

Advocates awarded scholarships will receive their scholarship check after the Symposium, upon receipt via email of an expense report, copies of receipts, a completed W-9 form, and a testimonial. Scholarship recipients should note that any unused portion of the \$900 (in excess of \$600) may be subject to federal income tax. Scholarship checks will be made payable to the organization the advocate represents, however, the check may be made payable to an individual if necessary.

Advocates who are not awarded a scholarship may consider registering for the Palliative Care in Oncology Symposium at the discounted patient advocate rate (if they meet the criteria for that rate). Please read the [Patient Advocate Information](#) on the Symposium website or contact patientadvocates@asco.org to inquire about registration.

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Please complete the scholarship application online at www.Cancer.net. All applicants will be notified of their application status on August 17.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the scholarship eligibility and criteria, please contact ASCO at patientadvocates@asco.org or 571-483-1364.