

2016 ASCO Annual Meeting Conquer Cancer Foundation Patient Advocate Scholarship Program

The Conquer Cancer Foundation Patient Advocate Scholarship Program is an opportunity for patient advocates to attend the [2016 ASCO Annual Meeting](#) and then return to their organizations and their communities to share what they have learned. It is also 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.

Patient advocates are invited to apply for a scholarship to attend the ASCO Annual Meeting, from **June 3 to 7 at McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois**. This program is made possible by the Conquer Cancer Foundation of *the American Society of Clinical Oncology*, through the generous support of Amgen; Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Bristol-Myers Squibb; Celgene Corporation; the Conquer Cancer Foundation; Patient Access Network Foundation and Teva Oncology.

Scholarships are intended for expenses related to air or train travel, lodging, and meeting registration for advocates traveling from outside the Chicago area to attend the meeting. Applications will be evaluated and reviewed based on the ***Scholarship Eligibility and Criteria***.

Scholarship recipients based in the United States will be reimbursed \$1,800 after the ASCO Annual Meeting and upon receipt of an expense form, applicable receipts, and a brief testimonial. Scholarship recipients based outside of the Continental United States will receive \$2,200 in U.S. currency during the ASCO Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Applications will be accepted between 12:00 PM (Noon) Eastern Time on Monday, April 4 and 12:00 PM (Noon) Eastern Time on Thursday, April 7. Please read the Scholarship Eligibility and Criteria before submitting a scholarship application.

All applicants will be notified of their application status by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on Tuesday, April 12.

Scholarship Eligibility and Criteria

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- Eligibility is based primarily on financial need as well as advocacy experience and current activities. Applicants will need to demonstrate a financial need as to why they would not be able to attend the ASCO Annual Meeting without a scholarship award.

- Applicants are encouraged to provide a compelling reason why their attendance at the meeting 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).
- Advocates awarded a scholarship must **register for the ASCO Annual Meeting by April 27**, at the discounted patient advocate registration rate of \$295 and also make their own travel and hotel reservations, paying all expenses up front (using a credit card). Those who do not register by April 27 will not receive a scholarship. A limited number of hotel rooms have been set aside for scholarship recipients at three area hotels, all within three miles of McCormick Place and on the [ASCO Shuttle route](#). **Hotel reservations made through this block must be made by April 15.** We recognize that this is a tight-turnaround; thank you in advance for adhering to this deadline. Scholarship recipients must also make their own airline or train reservations. Cancellation of travel and hotel reservations is not the responsibility of ASCO or the Conquer Cancer Foundation.
- Scholarships are limited to up to 2 employees per organization (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/panel/program).
- Eligibility is based on applicant's anticipated role and function at the ASCO Annual Meeting. Although scholarships are open to advocates affiliated with organizations that are registered exhibitors at the meeting, advocates who plan to attend the meeting to primarily staff an exhibit booth on behalf of a national not-for-profit organization (rather than attend the meeting sessions) are asked to refrain from applying for a scholarship. Additionally, advocates who plan to attend the meeting to primarily interview medical experts and/or produce audio or 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.
- Recipients must agree to use the scholarship to attend the entire 2016 ASCO Annual Meeting, which begins at 1:00 PM on Friday, June 3 and ends at 12:45 PM on Tuesday, June 7. To view the meeting program, please visit the [ASCO Annual Meeting website](#).
- By applying for and accepting a scholarship, recipients must agree to provide a brief testimonial (200 words or less) at the conclusion of the meeting. The testimonial should summarize the recipient's overall experience and the education they gained from attending the meeting. Recipients must agree that the testimonial or a portion thereof may be posted on ASCO's patient information 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 meeting at the registration rate that corresponds to their profession and also offers continuing medical education credits (CME credit is not available to individuals who register at the patient advocate rate). [Registration information](#) is available on the ASCO Annual Meeting website.
- Scholarship recipients should note that any unused portion of the scholarship (in excess of \$600) is 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.

Please complete the scholarship application online at www.Cancer.Net. Applications will be accepted between 12:00 PM (Noon) Eastern Time on Monday, April 4 and 12:00 PM (Noon) Eastern Time on Thursday, April 7.

All applicants will be notified of their application status by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on Tuesday, April 12.

For questions or concerns regarding the scholarship eligibility and criteria, please contact patientadvocates@asco.org or 571-483-1369.

About the 2016 ASCO Annual Meeting

Over 30,000 cancer specialists from around the world will gather at the ASCO Annual Meeting to address the Meeting's theme, *Collective Wisdom: The Future of Patient-Centered Care and Research*. The Meeting will be the platform for the release of thousands of scientific abstracts -- highly anticipated research news for many people, including patients, survivors, caregivers, and the public. To view the Meeting program, please visit the [ASCO Annual Meeting website](#). To learn more about our patient advocate programs, please visit [Patient Advocate Programs at the ASCO Annual Meeting](#) on ASCO's patient information website, [Cancer.Net](#).

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](#).