

## 2018 ASCO Annual Meeting

### ASCO's Conquer Cancer Foundation Patient Advocate Scholarship Program

The Conquer Cancer Patient Advocate Scholarship Program is an opportunity for patient advocates to attend the [2018 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, taking place **June 1 to 5 at McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois**. This program is made possible by the Conquer Cancer, through the generous support of Astellas, Eisai, Inc., Genentech BioOncology, Patient Access Network Foundation, Teva Oncology, and the Conquer Cancer Mission Endowment.

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, an IRS W-9 form, 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 online only, at [www.Cancer.Net](http://www.Cancer.Net), between 12:00 PM (Noon) Eastern Time on Monday, March 5 and 12:00 PM (Noon) Eastern Time on Friday, March 16. 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 Wednesday, March 21.**

## **Scholarship Eligibility and Criteria**

### ***PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION***

- Eligibility is based primarily on financial need as well as advocacy background, 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.
- Due to the limited availability of scholarships, patient advocates based in the United States who received a scholarship for the 2017 ASCO Annual Meeting may not be eligible for a scholarship again this year.
- Applicants will need 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 a *volunteer* on behalf of a non-profit organization that provides programs, services, 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 25**, at the discounted patient advocate registration rate of \$295 and make their own travel and hotel reservations, paying all expenses up front, using a credit card. Awardees who do not register by April 25 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 18.** 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).
- Scholarships are non-transferable
- 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 and film medical experts 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 2018 ASCO Annual Meeting, which begins at 1:00 PM on Friday, June 1 and ends at 12:45 PM on Tuesday, June 5. 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) after 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](http://Cancer.Net), or on Conquer Cancer's website, [www.conquer.org](http://www.conquer.org).
- Scholarships are reserved for patient advocates only. Medical professionals, including nurses, social workers, patient navigators, and counselors, are encouraged to register for the meeting at the registration rate that corresponds to their profession and also provides for 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.

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For questions or concerns regarding the scholarship eligibility and criteria, please contact [patientadvocates@asco.org](mailto:patientadvocates@asco.org) or 571-483-1369.

#### **About the 2018 ASCO Annual Meeting**

Over 32,000 oncology professionals from around the world will gather at the ASCO Annual Meeting to address the Meeting's theme, *Delivering Discoveries: Expanding the Reach of Precision Medicine*. 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](http://Cancer.Net).

#### **About Conquer Cancer**

Conquer Cancer Foundation funds research into every facet of cancer to benefit every patient, everywhere. In 1964, seven oncologists created the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), now a global network of more than 40,000 cancer professionals. As ASCO's foundation, Conquer Cancer helps turn science into a sigh of relief for patients around the world by supporting groundbreaking research and education across cancer's full continuum. For more information, visit [CONQUER.ORG](http://CONQUER.ORG).