

The Conquer Cancer Patient Advocate Scholarship Program

The Conquer Cancer Foundation of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (Conquer Cancer) and the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) are committed to building and strengthening relationships with patient advocates and patient advocacy organizations. ASCO's mission has always centered around improving the treatment and care of people living with cancer. This mission includes serving not only the educational needs of the professional oncology community, but the educational needs of the patient community as well.

The [Conquer Cancer Patient Advocate Scholarship Program](#) provides an opportunity for patient advocates to attend the [ASCO Annual Meeting](#) in person and then return to their organizations and communities to share what they have learned. The goal of the program is to motivate scholarship recipients to participate in consumer advocacy opportunities, lending a crucial perspective and making a difference in the lives of people affected by cancer.

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Scholarship Information

The 2024 ASCO Annual Meeting will be held at McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago, from May 31–June 4 and will offer presentations on the latest research in cancer care. This year's [program](#) will feature sessions complementing Dr. Lynn M. Schuchter's Presidential theme, *The Art and Science of Cancer Care: From Comfort to Cure*.

Applications will be accepted online only, from Monday, March 11 at 12:00 PM Eastern Time until 5:00 PM Eastern Time on Monday, March 18. Once the application period opens, a link to the fillable online application will be posted on the [Patient Advocate Programs at the ASCO Annual Meeting](#) and [Conquer Cancer Patient Advocate Scholarship Program](#) pages of [Cancer.Net](#), ASCO's patient information website. You can also access the application from this page using the *apply now* button below. **Please note, this link will not be accessible until the application period has opened.**

[Apply Now](#)

All applicants will be notified of their application status by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on Friday, March 29. Submitting this application does not confirm that you will be awarded a scholarship. The selection process is competitive, as there are a limited number of scholarships available.

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*](#). As a reminder, patient advocates who choose to participate in the meeting online-only, rather than in person, may register at no charge. Please contact patientadvocates@asco.org if you would like to inquire about online-only registration. [**Learn more about patient advocate registration.**](#)

Scholarship Award Amounts and Payment Information

Please note that our payment practices at ASCO and Conquer Cancer have recently changed:

- Scholarship recipients based in the **United States** will receive **\$2,000** via PayPal® or Zelle (no exceptions). Recipients will indicate their payment preference online and upload an IRS W-9 form before the ASCO Annual Meeting so payment may be remitted once the Meeting begins.
- Scholarship recipients based **outside of the Continental United States** (including Canada) will receive **\$2,500** via PayPal®, Zelle, or wire transfer (no exceptions). Recipients will indicate their payment preference online before the ASCO Annual Meeting so payment may be remitted once the Meeting begins.

Scholarship Eligibility and Criteria

Please read before completing a scholarship application.

- Scholarships are reserved for patient advocates only. This program is not intended for medical professionals, including nurses, physicians, physician assistants, social workers, patient navigators, or counselors.
- 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.
- 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.**
- 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/or support for people affected by cancer (rather than directly employed by a non-profit organization).

- Recipients should use the scholarship to attend the 2024 ASCO Annual Meeting, in person, which begins on Friday, May 31, at 1:00 PM Central Time and concludes on Tuesday, June 4, at 12:45 PM Central Time. Recipients may leave on Monday, June 3, if necessary.
- Priority will be given to advocates based outside of the Continental United States provided they meet the eligibility and criteria as outlined.
- Advocates awarded a scholarship must register for the ASCO Annual Meeting under the Patient Advocate registration category rate of \$190 by the early registration deadline of April 24, 2024, at 11:59 PM Eastern Time.
- 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 online by April 17.** Cancellation of travel and hotel reservations is not the responsibility of ASCO or Conquer Cancer.
- 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**; they may not be transferred from one awardee to another patient advocate.
- 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, the individual’s scholarship will be revoked, and they will not be eligible to receive a scholarship in the future.
- U.S. based scholarship recipients should note that any unused portion of the scholarship (in excess of \$600) is subject to federal income tax.

Application Preview

SAMPLE: For viewing purposes only.

First Name:

Last Name:

Suffix:

Name of Organization/Institution I will represent at the 2024 ASCO Annual Meeting:

Mailing Address:

City:

State/County/Province:

Zip/Postal Code:

Country:

Mobile Phone Number:

Email Address (all correspondence regarding this scholarship program will be sent to this address):

1. Please briefly describe your financial situation as it relates to your need for a scholarship to attend the 2024 ASCO Annual Meeting. *(Due to limited funding for scholarships, priority will be given to individuals who display the greatest financial need.)*
2. Please list the advocacy organization(s) you are currently affiliated with, including your position and main responsibilities. Please indicate whether each organization is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization. Also include any additional experience in research advocacy, public policy/legislative advocacy, and/or cancer patient and survivor support.
3. Are you an ASCO member?

NO

YES - Member Number (if known):
4. Do you currently serve as a volunteer for ASCO? If so, please list affiliation(s).
Examples include: panelist on the Cancer.Net Editorial Board; patient representative on an ASCO guideline panel; member of an ASCO, Conquer Cancer, CancerLinQ, or TAPUR board, committee, task force, or advisory group.

NO

YES - Please list:
5. Please check the choices below that best describe you. Check all that apply. Please note, you do not need to be a cancer patient or survivor to be considered for a scholarship.
 - Currently in treatment
 - Cancer survivor
 - Caregiver
 - Research advocate
 - Public Policy advocate
 - Cancer fundraiser

○ None of the above

6. If you selected cancer patient or survivor in question #5, please indicate which type of cancer you were diagnosed with.

7. Do you plan to help staff an exhibit booth at the 2024 ASCO Annual Meeting?

YES

NO

8. Are you fluent in reading, speaking, and writing in English?

YES

NO

9. If you are based in a country outside of the Continental United States or Canada, do you have a valid passport as well as the necessary visa to travel to/from the United States?

YES

NO

Not Applicable

10. Are you a medical professional, including a nurse, physician, physician assistant, social worker, patient navigator, or counselor?

Please note that due to the [Sunshine Act](#), we are not able to award scholarships to practicing physicians and/or other healthcare professionals.

NO

YES

11. Have you completed any formal research advocacy and/or patient advocacy training? If so, please list below. Some examples include: National Breast Cancer Coalition's *Project LEAD*, Research Advocacy Network's *Focus on Research* program and *Advocate Institute*, American Association for Cancer Research's *Scientist – Survivor* program, Komen *Advocates in Science* program, Facing our Risk of Cancer Empowered's *FRAT* program, Fight Colorectal Cancer's *RATS* program, Living Beyond Breast Cancer's *Hear My Voice* program, Young Survival Coalition's *RISE* program, National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship's *CPAT* program, National Clinical Trial Network training, NCI patient representative training, and United State FDA patient representative training.

NO

YES – Please list:

12. Are you serving as a panelist and/or as faculty for the 2024 ASCO Annual Meeting? If so, please share the title and type of session.

NO

YES- Please list:

13. Will you be able to attend the 2024 ASCO Annual Meeting in person? The meeting begins on Friday, May 31, at 1:00 PM Central Time and concludes on Tuesday, June 4, at 12:45 PM Central Time.

YES

NO

14. If awarded a scholarship, do you agree to accept your scholarship once the Meeting concludes, through ASCO and Conquer Cancer's new payment process? (Please see *Scholarship Eligibility and Criteria* for information on payment via PayPal, Zelle, or wire transfer)

YES

NO

15. What are your advocacy plans and priorities for the remainder of 2024?

16. Please explain how the theme of this year's meeting, *The Art and Science of Cancer Care: From Comfort to Cure*, resonates with you. Also, what is your primary reason for attending the meeting?

17. How will your participation enhance your advocacy role and your ability to serve people with cancer?

18. Do you plan to share and disseminate the information you gain with your own organization and/or the patient advocate community at large? If so, how?

Please upload your resume, bio-sketch, or curriculum vitae to accompany your application, in MS Word or Adobe PDF format (required).

Questions? Please contact patientadvocates@asco.org.