

EPISCOPAL COMMUNICATORS

Request for Scholarship

Episcopal Communicators are committed to connection, within and beyond the church. We believe communication is a vital component to a healthy church at all levels, from the congregation to the diocese to the global church. One of the most important ways we accomplish our goals is to host an annual conference.

We strive to make the conference accessible to as many participants as possible. To that end, generous donors have provided money for three scholarship funds: the Founders Fund (for first-time attendees), the Doris Hall Scholarship Fund, and the International Scholarship Fund.

Please note: scholarships are available only to members of Episcopal Communicators. An annual membership costs \$75. Scholarship funds are used to defray the conference fee; they are not used to cover travel expenses.

The board of Episcopal Communicators encourages applicants to ask their employers to support their participation by paying travel expenses (transportation and lodging) and a portion of the conference fee. Your attendance is valuable not only for you, but for your diocese, parish or organization. If your employer provides professional development or continuing education for clergy, it is appropriate that they provide similar support for you.

The deadline for scholarship applications for the April 2017 conference is **Thursday, January 12, 2017**. This will provide time for you to register before the early-bird conference registration deadline of January 27.

Information about the conference:

- Wednesday, April 19-Saturday, 22, 2017 // Cincinnati, Ohio
- We begin Wednesday afternoon and conclude Friday night after the conference banquet. Saturday is a travel day.
- There is an optional pre-conference intensive on Tuesday, April 18 that costs an additional \$125 (\$140 if you are registering ONLY for the pre-conference option). Several day-long workshops are offered on this day.
- Conference fee (member rate with early bird discount): \$325; this includes meals except Thursday dinner when groups will visit local restaurants.
- The conference rate at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza hotel is \$129 per night (single or double).

Please return your completed form to board president Sarah Bartenstein, sbartenstein@ststephensRVA.org, by **January 12. All information is kept confidential.**

Scholarship application for 2017 conference		Date	
Your name			
Email address			
Phone (include area code)		Are you a 2016 member of Episcopal Communicators? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Your employing diocese, parish or organization (if you are with a parish, please give city, state, and diocese in which it is located)			
Your position			
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time <input type="checkbox"/> Hourly <input type="checkbox"/> Contract or Freelance			
Briefly describe your duties			
Have you attended an Episcopal Communicators conference before?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If yes, when?			
Do you have the approval of your employer to attend the conference?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
What do you hope to get out of the conference?			
Amount requested			
If we are not able to fund your full request, what other options are open to you for supporting your participation?			
If you are employed by a diocese or parish, please provide the following.			
Diocese			
Total staff	No. of parishes in your diocese	Overall budget	Communications budget
Parish			
Total staff	Average Sunday Attendance	Overall budget	Communications budget
What else would you like us to know?			