

# MINNEAPOLIS USPRA 2012 37th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## USPRA 2012 Conference Scholarship Application Information

The purpose of USPRA scholarships is to provide the opportunity for persons who, due to financial restrictions, would be unable to participate in the USPRA conference without scholarship support.

USPRA conference scholarships offer the recipient a complimentary 3 day conference registration, May 21-23, 2012. The scholarship recipient is responsible for securing their own travel, lodging and incidental expenses.

As in past years, The Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is supporting of our scholarship program by covering registration, travel and lodging for a limited number of individuals.

### Award Process:

- Selections will be made after reviewing all applications received.
- The scholarship application deadline is **March 2, 2012**.
- Scholarship recipients will be notified by **March 30, 2012**.
- This form allows you to apply for a scholarship to cover registration fee only and/or to apply for a scholarship to cover travel, lodging, meals, and incidentals in addition to registration.
- USPRA Registration Scholarships are open to anyone who is an individual or associate member of USPRA, or is affiliated with an USPRA organizational member, and for whom attending the conference would pose a financial hardship. If the applicant lives in a state that has a state chapter, priority will be given to persons who are active participants in their state's chapter. USPRA scholarships cover registration only.
- Only U.S. Citizens who are in recovery from mental health conditions are eligible to apply for scholarships for travel, lodging, meals and/or incidentals as these scholarships are courtesy of CMHS/SAMHSA and intended only for U.S. citizens who are mental health consumers. Applicants need not be members of USPRA.
- Scholarships are not transferable. Scholarship recipients must notify USPRA if they cannot attend.
- Completed applications may be returned via U.S. Postal mail and postmarked no later than **February 29, 2012**. Faxed and email submissions must be received by **March 2, 2012**.

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**Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**



## USPRA 2012 Conference Scholarship Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Have you ever attended the USPRA conference?**

yes  no If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

2a. **Have you received a scholarship from USPRA to attend a conference in the past five years?**

yes  no

2b. **Have you received a scholarship from Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)/ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to attend a conference in the past five years?**

yes  no

3. **Have you been selected to present at the 2012 USPRA conference?**

yes  no

4. **You may apply for a USPRA conference registration scholarship and/or CMHS/SAMHSA scholarship. For which scholarship(s) are you applying?**

a.  **CMHS/SAMHSA scholarship.** This covers registration fees plus travel, lodging, meals, and incidental expenses as needed. AFYA, Inc. handles all arrangements for CMHS/SAMHSA scholarships. If you are selected as a CMHS/SAMHSA scholarship recipient, a representative from AFYA, Inc. will contact you to discuss logistics arrangements. In order to provide as many scholarships as possible, hotel expenses are based on double occupancy. **See award process for eligibility requirements. You do not need to be an USPRA member to apply; however, you must be a person in recovery (consumer) to be considered for this scholarship.** As a recipient of this scholarship, you will be required to submit a 2 to 5 page report in a format to be provided within 2 weeks of the conclusion of the conference.

b.  **USPRA conference registration scholarship.** This covers registration only and you must be an USPRA member to apply. You do not need to be a person in recovery. **See award process for eligibility requirements.**

c.  **I would like to be considered for both scholarships.** I meet the eligibility requirements for both. While securing travel and lodging funds may be a challenge for me, I am committed to finding resources to cover travel expenses if I am selected for the USPRA conference scholarship but not the CMHS/SAMHSA scholarship.

**Complete the following if you are applying for a SAMHSA scholarship:**

1. Do you have special needs that will require accommodations in order for you to accept this scholarship?

yes       no

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

2. Demographic Information (required for consideration for SAMHSA scholarship):

Gender	Age	Ethnicity	Sexual Orientation	Special Needs	U.S. Citizen
<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 18 – 25 <input type="checkbox"/> 26 – 55 <input type="checkbox"/> 56 +	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Black (not of Hispanic origin) <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> White (not of Hispanic origin) <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Heterosexual <input type="checkbox"/> Gay <input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian <input type="checkbox"/> Bisexual <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Physical Disability: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  Medical Condition: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

What type of funding are you seeking? <i>(please check all that apply)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel <input type="checkbox"/> Per diem <i>(daily allowance for meals and incidental expenses)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Ground transportation
Travel costs <i>(please choose one from below)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare <input type="checkbox"/> Train <input type="checkbox"/> Car Mileage <i>(mileage is based on Federal Regulations – and must not exceed lowest airfare)</i>
Do you have any lodging limitations that would prohibit double occupancy?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   If yes, State limitation

**Complete the following if you are applying for a USPRA registration scholarship.**

USPRA ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type:  Organizational    Individual    Associate Individual

1. Explain how you plan to cover your travel, lodging and expenses.
2. Describe your current involvement with your state’s USPRA chapter (if your state has a chapter). If you are not involved, what prevents you from being involved?

Please note that some chapters have the capacity to help scholarship recipients with travel expenses. Since the support capacity of chapters varies greatly, we ask that you contact your chapter to request support. USPRA will be happy to provide you with your chapter’s contact information upon request. Chapter representative contact information can also be found on the USPRA web page.

**For all scholarship applicants:**

**3. On a separate page, please provide the review committee with the following information:**

- a. Why do you want to attend this conference?
- b. Describe your current involvement in psychiatric rehabilitation programs and services.
- c. How do you plan to use what you learn to promote psychiatric rehabilitation in your community and state?

**4. Include one letter of recommendation that indicates why you should attend the conference.**

I understand and accept the above requirements.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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All scholarship applicants will be notified of decision regarding their scholarship application by March 30, 2012.