



Community Scholarship Application Form

PLEASE READ THE FULL TWO-PAGE APPLICATION FORM BEFORE COMPLETING THE INFORMATION

Scholarship deadline: Community scholarship applications must be received no later than close of business day on **Friday, March 14, 2008**. Applications postmarked by Canada Post or courier by that date may be accepted if received within a reasonable period after that date.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Organization: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Daytime Tel# (include area code): _____ FAX # (include area code): _____

- 1) I am applying for: (a) ___ Full scholarship; (b) ___ Partial scholarship;
(c) ___ Conference registration only
- 2) HIV Status (if known) (optional): (a) ___ HIV positive; (b) ___ HIV negative; (c) ___ Unknown status;
(d) ___ Not relevant
- 3) Language Preference: (a) ___ French; (b) ___ English; (c) ___ Either French or English
- 4) Age (as of the Conference, April 24-27, 2008) (optional): _____
- 5) I belong to the following group(s) (please specify all that apply) (optional):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Member of ethnocultural community - specify: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ex-prisoner | <input type="checkbox"/> Person with a learning or physical disability (other than HIV) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Injection or other recreational drug user | <input type="checkbox"/> Gay or bisexual man/MSM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian or bisexual woman | <input type="checkbox"/> Transgendered |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sex trade worker | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (under 26) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify: _____) | |

6) I work or volunteer in an under-represented area in my region: Yes _____ No _____

If yes: _____ Rural _____ Remote or Isolated Community

7) How long have you worked/volunteered in HIV/AIDS? _____

In what capacity? _____



8) What are the most pressing information needs for prevention, treatment, care, and support in response to HIV/AIDS in your community?

9) Tell us how you will share the treatment information with people living with and/or affected by HIV/AIDS and/or others in your community? Be as specific as possible.

10) How will you work with organizations in your community to deliver this information?

11) Have you submitted an abstract for this conference? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what is/are the title(s)? _____

12) How many HIV/AIDS conferences have you previously attended? _____

If so, please specify which conference(s) and the year of the conferences. _____

13) Have you previously received a CAHR Conference scholarship to attend the CAHR Conference?

_____ Yes _____ No. If yes, please specify the year(s): _____

14) Please give the name and contact details of a manager, colleague or peer who can act as your reference and verify your information provided in this application form. _____

I hereby declare that the information in this application is accurate.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



CAHR Community Scholarship Information

Background: Every year the Canadian Association for HIV Research (CAHR) organizes the Annual Canadian Conference on HIV Research, known as "CAHR Conference", which is the largest annual forum on HIV/AIDS in Canada. Attendance at this scientific conference is open to the general public. Persons living with or affected by HIV/AIDS and other persons working or volunteering in HIV/AIDS (referred to as the HIV/AIDS community) are encouraged to attend in order to learn about the latest developments in and evidence presented from current HIV research and to share their lived experience.

To support Community attendance and participation at the CAHR Conference, the Community Scholarship Program provides financial assistance and support for five individuals from across Canada. This assistance is referred to as "scholarship", and anyone who qualifies as a member of the HIV/AIDS community may apply. CAHR provides a separate but similar scholarship program for HIV researchers to support new investigators to attend the conference.

Purpose of information: Information provided in this application form will be used for the sole purpose of administering the Community Scholarship Program for CAHR 2008. Completed applications will be received and processed by Conference staff in the Conference Secretariat and CAHR Office. The Scholarship Selection Committee will receive and review copies of applications through a "blinded" review process that removes the names and identifying information from the application.

Personal information such as HIV status or age or geographic area is collected and used solely for the purpose of selecting applicants according to selection criteria targeting specific priority groups of vulnerable or marginalized persons (e.g. Persons Living with HIV/AIDS, youth, region).

Confidentiality: All information on this form is treated as confidential and is protected. Applications that are not accepted will be destroyed

(secure shredding) within 30 days after the Conference. Approved applications will be retained on file in the CAHR Office in accordance with existing laws and regulations for this purpose.

Community Scholarship Criteria: The CAHR community scholarship program is open to individuals working or volunteering in any field related to HIV/AIDS. CAHR policy limits full scholarship support to any single individual to once in every continuous five-year period, in order to maximize fair access to scholarships and to distribute the scholarships among the maximum number of recipients.

For CAHR 2008, five full scholarships are available for people from across Canada, and twenty conference registrations are available for people from the host city/region (i.e. greater Montreal). The number of scholarships is limited by the financial support from CAHR sponsors. All applicants are encouraged to find other sources of funding to attend the conference.

Preference will be given to people who represent underserved populations and have no other means of attending the conference. Applicants must demonstrate in their application that they have the experience and resources to share the information they have learned with the community.

Every effort will be made to select a representative sample of people infected and affected by HIV. Over the years, community scholarship is distributed to include people from all regions of Canada as well as people from all affected populations.

Community Scholarship Selection Process: All applicants will receive a notice of confirmation of receipt of their application. Incomplete applications may be rejected from further consideration.

Applications will be sent to the Community Scholarship Selection Committee in a blinded process (meaning the personal names will be removed). The selection committee is headed by Jose Sousa, CAHR 2008 Community Representative on the Conference Organizing Committee, and four other experienced community members from the host

city/province. In order to avoid any perceived or real conflict-of-interest, the Selection Committee members are not eligible to receive community scholarship.

Every question on the application will be scored, and the five top scorers will be selected. Points will be awarded based solely on the information provided in the application form. Applicants are therefore encouraged to ensure that their application form is complete. Information that is not provided may result in a lower score.

The Selection Committee will review the final results to ensure that selection fulfills the criteria and priorities identified for supporting community attendance at the conference.

Community Scholarship Policy: Community Scholarship applicants are encouraged to read the full Community Scholarship Policy statement on the CAHR 2008 website at (www.cahr-acrv.ca).

Community scholarship recipients are required to comply with CAHR conference policies as well as administrative procedures for the submission of travel claims and receipts.

False statements or information provided in support of an application for community scholarship will result in immediate revocation of community scholarship, Conference registration and status without refund or further payment. Further, registration or scholarship at future CAHR Conferences may be prohibited for a period of up to five years.

In accepting community scholarships to the CAHR Conference, community scholarship recipients acknowledge that scholarship may be sponsored or subsidized by financial support from pharmaceutical companies, and that such support may be recognized publicly.

In accepting community scholarships to CAHR Conference, community scholarship recipients consent to the public acknowledgement and publication of their names as community scholarship recipients. No further payment or compensation shall be paid for such acknowledgement.