



# Sandi Qualley Scholarship Fund 2022 Application

## Mission

The Sandi Qualley Scholarship Fund is an educational scholarship awarded to a Hemophilia Association of the Capital Area (HACA) member to attend the National Hemophilia Foundation (NHF) Bleeding Disorders Conference or the Hemophilia Federation of America Symposium. It is named in honor of Sandi Qualley, who served as the Executive Director of HACA from 1989 to 2011.

## Eligibility

Any member of HACA with a bleeding disorder who is living in the geographical boundaries, including Prince Georges or Montgomery County, Maryland; Northern Virginia, or Washington, DC.

Please note that all applicants must adhere to the conference guidelines, which may include a COVID vaccination. Information is available on the conference website.

## Guidelines and Application Procedure

- Scholarship recipients will be determined through a review process conducted by volunteers on the Sandi Qualley Scholarship Committee.
- Scholarships are limited to funding availability.
- Priority/special consideration will be given to:
  - First time attendees and those not previously funded by HACA.
  - Individuals who have volunteered and/or are active members of HACA.
  - Individuals who are clearly able to communicate a need for and benefit from attending such a meeting.
  - Applicant's intention to make effective use of the information and training provided (i.e. write an article for the HACA newsletter or speak about the experience at a HACA event).
- Scholarships may be used to help defray the costs of airfare/mileage, hotel accommodations, and annual meeting registration fees. The maximum award will not exceed \$1,000 for an individual or \$2,000 for a family of two or more persons. The applicant will be responsible for all meals and other incidentals.

- Applicants must contact HFA or NHF requesting the waiver of their annual meeting registration fee.
- A scholarship applicant should understand that if s/he is selected for the scholarship funds and expenses are paid or reimbursed by HACA, s/he is expected to attend the meeting. Should an applicant not attend the meeting, s/he may be asked to reimburse HACA for all expenses incurred on his/her behalf.
- The 2022 HFA Symposium is April 20-23 in San Antonio, and the NHF Bleeding Disorders Conference is August 25-27 in Houston. Deadline to apply for Symposium is **March 1, 2022**, and deadline for the Bleeding Disorders Conference application is **June 1, 2022**.

