



Sandi Qualley National Meeting Scholarship Fund 2023 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).
- In 2023, we will award one scholarship to the Hemophilia Federation of America's Symposium in Orlando, FL, **April 11-14**. 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. When you complete the

registration for Symposium, please be sure to fill out the application for HFA's travel grant for hotel rooms.

- The National Hemophilia Foundation's Bleeding Disorders Conference will take place **August 17-19** at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, MD. Since this conference is local, HACA will award up to \$600 for families of two or more people and \$300 for individuals. This can help offset the cost of registration for adults or teens, kids program registration, and parking or Uber trips. The chapter will not cover the cost of overnight stays at the Gaylord since the site is in the DC metro area, or food while on site.
- The deadline to apply for the HACA grant to Symposium is **February 28**.
- The deadline for the HACA grant to attend the BDC is **May 15**. Keep in mind that the earlier you register, the less expensive the fees. If you are interested in staying on site and being fully immersed in the BDC, NHF is offering scholarships. The deadline for NHF's scholarships is February 26; go to <https://na.eventscloud.com/website/48326/travel-grants/> for more information.
- Please inform HACA on the application if paying for the registration is a hardship, and we can make arrangements for HACA to set up the registration.
- 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.

Sandi Qualley Scholarship Application Form

Please print or type.

Applicant's Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
First Middle Initial Last

Home Address: _____
Street/PO Box Apt/Unit #

_____ City State ZIP

Telephone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

The HTC which I attend is: _____

The name of my doctor is: _____ His/her phone number is: _____

I have: Hemophilia A Hemophilia B vWD Other: _____

I am a sibling or parent of a person with a bleeding disorder.

Check One: I plan to attend the meeting on my own My family and I plan to attend the meeting

Please check here if you are unable to pay for the registration and need HACA to complete the purchase on your behalf:

Please attach a separate page explaining in 500 words or less why you are applying for this scholarship and what you expect to gain from attending this national meeting.

Release of Information Waiver

I am an individual with a congenital bleeding disorder or a parent or sibling of a person with a bleeding disorder in need of financial assistance to attend a national meeting. I authorize the release of information to the Hemophilia Association of the Capital Area in order to verify all statements made in this application. I also give permission to use my name/and or photo in HACA's web site, HACA News, or any other press release that HACA deems appropriate.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Email completed application and attachments to director@hacacares.org