



Fark Education Scholarship

The Fark Education Scholarship Fund is a special fund that is used to support active Preeclampsia Foundation (PF) volunteers in their efforts to stay current and knowledgeable about preeclampsia and related hypertensive disorders of pregnancy¹, interact directly with members of our medical advisory board and other leaders in the field, re-energize their commitment to patient education, and thus provide sound, evidence-based information primarily to the lay public, but also, in some cases, to health care providers.

Mechanisms for education include attending one of the professional or patient education courses and symposia offered by the Preeclampsia Foundation, or any of the professional medical meetings held most years (e.g., SGI, SMFM, NASSHP) in the United States. Other educational resources will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Up to ten \$500 scholarships will be awarded in 2011.

What does the scholarship provide?

The scholarship provides a \$500 stipend to be used for a single pre-approved educational activity for travel, accommodations, meals or registration fees. If the total costs for the activity are less than \$500, the PF requests that the recipient return any unused portion so that it may be used for other deserving individuals. If the total costs for the activity exceed \$500, we suggest the recipient apply the fees to travel and accommodations and we will work with her/him to seek possible complimentary or discounted registration fees. We do not guarantee that any additional funding over the \$500 can be provided, and ultimately any costs in excess of the \$500 will be the responsibility of the recipient.

Who is eligible?

Currently active volunteers for the PF who spend at least 80% of their volunteer hours in direct educational and support activities for preeclampsia survivors or pregnant women at risk of developing preeclampsia may qualify. Requirements of their volunteer work include (but may not be limited to) staying current on scientific and medical developments in the field of preeclampsia and conveying that information in user-friendly, plain language.

Examples of volunteers in these roles include Community Forum moderators and other PF spokespeople who may interface with health care providers, scientists and the lay public in order to effectively translate or convey preeclampsia-related information between audiences.

Preference is given to volunteers who have demonstrated at least one year of active involvement in educational activities.

Preeclampsia Foundation staff and members of the Board of Directors are not eligible.

If I get this scholarship, what is expected of me?

Attendance at the designated educational event is required. (The stipend will be issued as a check at the event.) You must also submit a short report (one paragraph or a few bullet points) within a year

¹ In this document the term “preeclampsia” is used to denote all hypertensive disorders of pregnancy.

following the event that explains how you have engaged in educational activities and how the scholarship enhanced your volunteer work with the Preeclampsia Foundation.

How do I apply?

Applicant must complete a simple one-page application (attached), providing short answers to two questions. Application must be submitted via email to farkscholarship@preeclampsia.org. The questions to be answered are:

1. How am I currently providing preeclampsia education in my contribution as a PF volunteer?
2. How will I utilize this opportunity to improve my support and educational activities for the PF?

What is the deadline?

The scholarship application review committee meets as needed to review applications, but for applicants interested in attending the 2011 Saving Grace gala which has a CME and patient symposium scheduled concurrently, the deadline for applicants is August 15, 2011. For any other desired educational activities, applications must be received at least 8 weeks prior to the scheduled event.

Who funds these scholarships?

Fark, Inc. (www.fark.com) has made a special gift to the Preeclampsia Foundation, earmarked specifically for this scholarship fund. These expenses do not come from our general operating account or from any other donations.

Who decides if I will get the scholarship?

The scholarship review committee includes one member of the Board of Directors, the funder, and one staff member. Decisions will be made by consensus.



**Education Scholarship Fund
APPLICATION**

Applicant

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Requested Event

Name _____
Date _____
Location _____

Question:

How am I currently providing preeclampsia education in my contributions as a volunteer for the Preeclampsia Foundation?

Answer:

Question:

How will I utilize this opportunity to improve my support and educational activities for the Preeclampsia Foundation?

Answer: