

Foundations on the Hill • Stipend Guidelines

Foundations on the Hill (FOTH) is an annual two-day public policy event that convenes foundation and grantmaking representatives from around the country in Washington, D.C., to discuss legislative and regulatory issues impacting the field of philanthropy and to meet with members of Congress. FOTH is co-hosted by the Council on Foundations and the Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers.

FOTH Stipend Award Program

The FOTH stipend is awarded each year, as funds are available, to qualifying foundation representatives. Recipients of the award will receive up to \$1200 to cover costs associated with attending the conference, including travel (ground and air) and hotel costs, as well as a registration fee waiver. Additionally, the recipient's regional association, if applicable, will receive a \$300 award to continue public policy and advocacy efforts in the district (See RA Award Guidelines below).

Please Note: Recipients of the stipend are required to assume all costs associated with the FOTH conference up front. Reimbursements will be made to stipend recipients after all receipts and travel forms are submitted.

Awards are limited to one person per foundation and are non-transferrable to other foundations or foundation staff. Stipend applications are reviewed by a selection committee and award notifications are sent out within 30 days of the application deadline. Due to limited funds and anticipated demand, the stipend award may not be able to support all eligible applicants.

Foundations on the Hill will take place March 21-22, 2012 in Washington, DC. For information about the event, please visit www.foundationsonthehill.org.

FOTH Stipend Award Eligibility

A limited number of stipends are available to foundation staff and only one application per foundation will be accepted. To be eligible for a stipend, your organization must be: 1.) a first-time Foundations on the Hill participant, 2.) compliant with the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations (applicable to community foundations only), and 3.) be a member of either the Council on Foundations or a regional association recognized by the Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers.

FOTH Stipend Award Criteria

Preference will be given to next generation leaders (ages 40 and under), minorities and to representatives of foundations that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Applicant's foundation has assets less than \$25 million
- Applicant's foundation is located in a underrepresented area (See definition below)
- Applicant's foundation is located in a rural area (See definition below)
- Foundation location in a House Ways and Means Committee member's congressional district, a Senate Finance Committee member's state, or the district/state of a House/Senate leadership member (e.g., the Majority Leader)

Underrepresented Areas include the following states previously not strongly represented at FOTH: Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia

Rural Definition: For stipend consideration purposes, a rural area is defined as **any** non-metropolitan county or county equivalent, rural metro county or county equivalent, or census tract that satisfies one or more of the following:

- i) Per capita income is seventy-five percent or less of national average
- ii) Classified as a persistent poverty county—a poverty rate of 20 percent or higher in each decennial census from 1970 through 2000
- iii) Urbanized areas containing population less than 2,500 persons

Regional Association Award Guidelines

A \$300 award will be granted to regional associations **with jurisdiction of the stipend award recipient's foundation**. The purpose of these funds is to encourage the continuation of public policy efforts in the states.

How to Apply for the FOTH Stipend

Applications will be available online October 2011. The deadline to submit applications for the stipend is Friday, December 16, 2011. Award recipients will be notified by Friday, January 27, 2012.

Each applicant must complete the online application or either fax or email the application, along with additional application materials to:

Chatrane Birbal
Director, Government Relations
Council on Foundations
Fax: 703-879-0893
Email: Chatrane.birbal@cof.org

If you have any questions regarding the stipend award, please contact Chatrane Birbal at the Council on Foundations at 703-879-0689 or Chatrane.birbal@cof.org.