Travel Nevada: Professional Development Scholarship Program

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Travel Nevada is pleased to announce a new Partner Professional Development Fund! Travel Nevada's Destination Development Program will award scholarships of up to $1,000 to defray registration, transportation, and lodging costs for partners who wish to attend non-Travel Nevada conferences, webinars, training, certifications and workshops to improve their skills and knowledge related to tourism

1). Scholarship funds are reimbursable. No funds will be provided in advance.

2). Prospective conference attendees must meet eligibility guidelines (below) and complete the Partner Professional Development Fund application in Submittable.

3). Applications will be reviewed and scholarship recipients selected by an internal committee at Travel Nevada.

If awarded Travel Nevada funds, attendees must be active participants at the conference, attending at least 80 per cent of the sessions, to receive their reimbursement. After the conference, scholarship recipients are required to:

1). Submit to Travel Nevada via Submittable all receipts for which reimbursement is requested. Requests for reimbursement may not exceed the amount awarded by Travel Nevada. Any and all expenses exceeding the award amount are the responsibility of the attendee.

2). Complete a report in Submittable describing key learnings and actionable items that could be implemented in their local communities (see details below).

3). Provide a recap no longer than 5 minutes during a TNT call of their key takeaways from the conference so that others across the state can gain insight as well.

SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE:

Application deadline: Rolling, available on a first-come, first-serve basis while funding lasts.

Award notification: No later than 2 weeks after receipt of application.

Reporting/Reimbursement deadline: One month after returning from the conference.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Members or participants in one of Travel Nevada's six designated territory organizations: Cowboy Country, Pony Express, Nevada Silver Trails, Reno Tahoe Territory, Las Vegas Territory, Nevada's Indian Territory. A letter from the Territory leadership must be included with your application endorsing your participation in the professional development activity. Territories may set their own requirements reporting learnings.
- Local government entities representing Nevada communities of less than 100,000 population (2020 U.S. Census) regardless of the county in which the community is located.

- Non-profit organizations, including organizations that promote travel or tourism, based in communities of less than 100,000 population (2020 U.S. Census) regardless of the county in which the community is located.
- Tribal entities in Nevada.
- Only ONE application will be accepted per organization
- Division of Tourism WILL NOT consider applications from any entity out of compliance with a current contract, policy, or agreement with the State of Nevada. All applicants must be domestic entities and shall be owned, operated, and located within the State of Nevada.

REPORTING FOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

A. All individuals that receive a scholarship will be required to complete a Post Conference Report within one month of completion of the funded professional development. As you are attending, please keep in mind the following questions so you can complete your report. In your post-conference report, please include:

1. For each session attended, list the topic of the session, why you chose it, and at least one possible actionable item or lesson that you can bring back to your community. If applicable, please describe how your organization can best support that actionable item. If you have no actionable items, please include a key idea or learning from the session, or why you have no actionable items.

2. Please describe what you found most helpful from the conference and any other suggestions or ideas you may have for Travel Nevada or destination development.

B. All individuals that attended utilizing a scholarship will be required to submit their reimbursement requests using a Travel Nevada reimbursement request form in Submittable along with all receipts for which you wish to receive reimbursement, not to exceed the amount of your award. Expenses will be limited to allowed per diem rates.