



### Low-income Scholarship Application

Need-based scholarships are available to provide assistance with the registration and travel expenses of participants with limited resources. Due to the limited amount of funds to be distributed, priority will be given to low-income individuals, members whose co-ops have limited resources, individuals identifying with historically underrepresented groups at Institute, and those who would not otherwise be able to attend the NASCO Institute.

Scholarships come in three forms:

1. Registration scholarships: These funds are to be applied towards registration fees.
2. Travel scholarships: These awards can be used to offset the cost of travel to and from NASCO Institute. To receive reimbursement, you must present your travel expense receipts and fill out a reimbursement request form. Group scholarships are available for groups of four (4) or more.
3. Work scholarships: These scholarships are given in exchange for volunteering your time before, during and/or after NASCO Institute, and they can be used towards registration fees or travel costs.

To apply for a scholarship, please complete and submit the below form by **September 18<sup>th</sup>**. You will be notified of whether or not you received a scholarship by September 29<sup>th</sup>\*.

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Co-op/organization:

Address (Street, City, State/Province):

How long have you been a member of a housing co-op? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you applying for the \_\_\_\_\_ Institute registration, \_\_\_\_\_ Cooperative Leadership Track, \_\_\_\_\_ travel, and/or \_\_\_\_\_ work scholarships?

Are you planning to travel in a group of four (4) or more? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

\* Deadline for co-ops affiliated with a school that has a start date of September 11<sup>th</sup> or later is October 9<sup>th</sup>, and the notification is then postponed for these applicants until October 14<sup>th</sup>.



If you are applying for a work scholarship, please list any skills you'd be willing to contribute to NASCO in exchange for a work scholarship. Examples of useful skills include: graphic design, technical and A/V support, a clean driving record and willingness to drive to and from the Detroit airport, offering a skill-share for Institute participants, web development, people skills, familiarity with Ann Arbor co-ops, etc.

Are you receiving (or have you applied for) funds from your co-op or another source to offset the cost of attending Institute? Please explain.

Have you attended NASCO Institute before? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If so, did you receive funds from NASCO to help cover the costs?  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Are you a student? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If so, are you financially independent? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Do you have any dependents? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your annual income? \_\_\_\_\_

A portion of LISF funds will be prioritized for individuals identifying with historically underrepresented groups attending Institute. Do you identify with any of the following identity groups?

People of Color \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
People with Disabilities \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
Transgender, Genderqueer \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
International Students \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Is your income irregular, or are there other financial considerations we should be aware of?



What is your estimated cost of travel? Please try to find the least expensive transportation available to you. If possible, provide an explanation of the cost, and remember that you will need to turn in receipts.

What do you hope to gain by attending Institute?

How will your co-op/community/organization benefit?

Would you like to be considered for a development scholarship? Recipients must be involved in organizing or expanding a co-op, and they must commit to attending "Developing New Co-ops", a series of five workshops designed to walk you through the process of starting a new co-op, from clarifying your initial concept to drafting your business plan. If this applies to your situation, please provide a brief description of the project.

Is there any information that you would like to share with us that wasn't covered in the application?

***Please return this application no later than September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009.***

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