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New York Peer Specialist Certification Board Announces Scholarship Program for the Inaugural Conference on October 26 & 27, 2017

The New York Peer Specialist Certification Board is pleased to announce the launch of a Scholarship Program for the upcoming Inaugural Conference – ***Leadership, Values, Integrity***. The event will bring together peer leaders in celebrating the power and promise of peer support while looking to the future of peer support in New York and beyond. The conference will feature national and regional experts in peer support with more than 21 sessions in three tracks: ***Best Practices in Peer Support, Certification and Leadership***, all designed to assist participants to learn, share and grow their knowledge and skills in peer support. The event promises to be an important milestone in the development of peer support services and is your opportunity to highlight the contributions your organization has and will continue to make in promoting recovery.

The purpose of the Conference Scholarship Program (CSP) is to assist peers from around New York State to attend the conference. **The CSP will begin accepting scholarship requests as of Sept 29, 2017 and will process requests until all scholarship slots have been awarded by the NYPSCB. The CSP will offer 140 full conference scholarships with some scholarships including hotel accommodations on October 26th, 2017.** Travel expenses and meals will not be covered by the scholarships. Candidates not awarded a scholarship will be eligible for early bird discounts until October 23, 2017.

Eligibility – Candidates must meet the following criteria in order to be considered for a scholarship.

- Actively certified by the NYPSCB or have a pending certification application
- Live or work in New York State
- Financial need in order to attend (*self-reported, no documentation required*)
- Ability to pay for your own travel expenses including meals during conference
- If employed, your employer is unable/unwilling to cover costs
- Live more than 50 miles from venue to be considered for hotel room assistance

Scholarships – Up to 140 scholarships will be offered with the following regional goals

- New York City – 30 scholarships
- Long Island – 20 scholarships
- Hudson River – 20 scholarships
- Central – 15 scholarships
- Western – 15 scholarships

Application - Eligible candidates should complete a scholarship request form available on the NYPSCB website and submit it to no later than October 10th, 2017. Requests received after Oct 10, 2017 may not be reviewed.

Scholarship Awards – Awards will be announced by October 16, 2017

For questions about the conference and CSP, please visit www.NYPSCB.org

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