



APPLICATION FOR CHW SCHOLARS 2016 Scholarships to Attend the 2016 APHA Annual Meeting

With funding from the *Harold and Grace Sewell Trust Fund*, the Community Health Workers (CHW) Section of the American Public Health Association (APHA) will offer five \$800 scholarships for **community health workers** to attend the 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association in Denver, Oct. 29-Nov. 2, 2016.

The American Public Health Association is the world's largest organization of public health workers. It represents health advocates, health promoters, researchers, clinicians, social workers, and many others united in improving the health of the public. To learn more about this year's meeting, visit <http://www.apha.org/events-and-meetings/annual>.

This scholarship honors the important work of grass-roots advocates who promote health in their communities. We want to bring your knowledge, experience, and commitment to the CHW field to APHA. Scholarship awardees from out of town will receive funding to help pay for transportation, room and board, meals, and registration fees. Scholarships will be paid on a reimbursable basis **after** the Annual Meeting in November and all written reports are received.

To be eligible for the scholarship, you must:

- Be over 18 years of age.
- Send a letter of reference on letterhead from the supervisor of your community health worker program. (note: this includes paid and volunteer positions)
- Submit a written report after the Annual Meeting to be shared with the *Harold and Grace Sewell Trust Fund* and the scholarship committee. The report should highlight the main points you learned during the APHA Annual Meeting and be at least one page in length.
- Attend both the CHW Section Social Reception, Monday, October 31st from 6:30-8:00pm* and the CHW Section Business Meeting, Tuesday, November 1st from 6:30-8:00pm.* Sign-in sheets will be available at these events verifying attendance.
- Register for APHA with the CHW Section as your primary affiliation.

Please complete the application form. Additional paper and spacing may be used, if needed.

Your completed application and letter of reference must be received by **Friday, July 08, 2016**. A review committee will score all applications; you will be notified regarding the outcome by **August 5, 2016**.

New Mexico Community Health Worker Association
CHW Section Scholarship Committee
ATTEN: Bette Jo Ciesielski, Director
Sewell Scholarship Chair
P.O. Box 81433
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87198
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*Times are subject to change, pending the arrangement of the final program.

**Electronic copies are preferred, but do request confirmation of receipt.

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American Public Health Association (APHA):
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Return this application with a *letter of reference on business letterhead from your supervisor* by Friday, July 08, 2016. Applications without both the application and the letter of reference will not be considered. You will receive confirmation of receipt of application. Send to:

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The Scholarship Review Committee will choose recipients based on:

- ✓ The specific type of community health outreach work that you do,
- ✓ Involvement in and commitment to community health outreach,
- ✓ Leadership, activity, or involvement within the CHW Section, state, local, or other national CHW association,
- ✓ Specific ways this conference will help advance your commitment to the CHW field and involvement to the CHW section, and
- ✓ Specifics about your work and leadership activities from your reference letter.

1. Your name: _____

2. Your job title: _____

3. Your complete mailing address: _____

4. The name of your organization and the address where you work or volunteer:

5. Your phone number at work: _____
6. Your cell phone number: _____
7. Your email address: _____
8. Describe how your organization (program and services) contribute to improving community health? Write 2-3 sentences describing the organization's program/services.
9. What role do you play in the organization? Write 2-3 sentences about YOUR work and how it affects your community.
10. How long have you worked/volunteered in this program as a community health worker?
11. Describe your involvement and role with any local, state, or other national CHW association (including the CHW Section). If you are not currently involved in any CHW association, how do you plan to become involved, and why is involvement with CHW organizations or associations important to advancing the CHW field?
12. Please describe leadership skills do you currently have? Provide an example. What leadership skills do you want to strengthen? Why is it important for CHWs to develop leadership skills?
13. How would attending this APHA meeting benefit your work and activities in your community and/or program or organization? How can your participation in the APHA Annual Meeting strengthen the CHW field?