

## **Animal Care Expo 2019 Scholarship Information and Requirements**

Scholarships for Animal Care Expo 2019 are being provided by the Humane Society of the United States, Maddie's Fund and Petco Foundation. They are available to applicants within the United States and U.S. territories.

Scholarships may be requested in the following amounts based on need: Registration only, \$500, \$1,000 or \$1,500. Scholarships may be used to offset costs associated with conference registration, meals during the conference, hotel accommodations at an approved Animal Care Expo hotel, travel expenses and other related expenses for attending Animal Care Expo 2019. Applicants will be asked to outline their needs.

Scholarships are non-transferable without written permission from the Humane Society of the United States. All applicants will be notified of their status by January 24, 2019.

The approved dollar amount will be transferred electronically to the scholarship recipient's organization, or a check may be mailed. If funds are needed to cover Animal Care Expo 2019 registration, that amount will automatically be deducted from the scholarship amount.

### **Eligibility**

- Applicants must be employed by or volunteer for a 501c3 animal shelter or rescue organization or a public animal shelter within the United States or U.S. territories. Maddie's Fund scholarships are only available to those in Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina and Texas.
- Applicants must be able to attend Animal Care Expo April 15-18, 2019 in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Individuals who have previously been awarded scholarships for Animal Care Expo are not eligible.
- You must be able to provide your organization's W-9 form, a signed agreement letter (will be provided) and an IRS determination letter.
- A signed EFT authorization form (will be provided) and copy of voided check will be required if you would like the funds transferred electronically.
- Organizations may submit applications for up to three employees.

### **Application Components**

- Conference Participation Statement that includes:
  - List and describe specific goals you hope to accomplish by attending Animal Care Expo 2019.
  - How do you anticipate that the information you gain at Animal Care Expo 2019 could be utilized at your organization?
  - How will this opportunity enhance your overall professional development?
  - An accomplishment of your organization that you are proud of and something you think can be improved upon.

### **Other Requirements**

- You must email your hotel receipt to [krakovan@humanesociety.org](mailto:krakovan@humanesociety.org) by May 2, 2019 to show that your accommodations were at an approved Animal Care Expo partner hotel.
- You must provide a follow up via [krakovan@humanesociety.org](mailto:krakovan@humanesociety.org) no later than October 2019 outlining how the information obtained from Animal Care Expo has inspired changes within your organization.