



## **DignityUSA 2017 Conference Scholarship Application Form – Rural Members and Friends**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> biennial DignityUSA conference will be held in Boston, Massachusetts from Thursday, July 6 through Sunday July 9, 2017.

We know that LGBTQI people and allies who live in rural areas often face significant challenges in finding faith communities that are affirming, and can experience isolation at levels greater than people in urban or suburban areas. Through the generosity of the **Sisters of Charity of Nazareth**, DignityUSA has special funding to support the attendance of people from rural areas who are interested in attending this conference. This funding will provide complimentary conference registration and grants that can be used to defray the cost of travel and/or hotel stay during the conference.

Applicants receiving this funding will be asked to advise DignityUSA leaders on the needs of rural members and friends, and to advise us on program and materials development to support this population. This input will be sought during the year following the 2017 conference, and will be solicited during phone calls (individual calls and teleconferences) or via email.

Preference will be given to applications received by April 30, 2017.

Approximate convention costs are (not including food/personal costs):

- Registration \$295 if received by March 31, 2017, or for first-time attendees, \$150 for young adults
- Airfare ~\$500 average nationwide
- Hotel \$315.90 for three nights (including taxes and Boston tourism fee) based on double occupancy (room rate is \$210.60/night; per person rate \$105.30/night). Up to two additional people may be in room.

Please email to [info@dignityusa.org](mailto:info@dignityusa.org), mail to: DignityUSA, P.O. Box 376, Medford, MA 02155, or fax to: 781.397.0584. Email submission preferred.

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Name (please print or type)
Address, city, state, zip
Phone
Email
Have you attended any past DignityUSA convention(s)?      Yes_____      No_____
If yes, which one(s)?
Do you have any current involvement with DignityUSA, and/or a local Chapter and/or a DignityUSA Caucus? If so, please describe:
Describe your reasons for wanting to attend this conference:
Are you willing to advise DignityUSA on support for people living in rural areas during the year following the conference?

Select the financial support you request:		
_____ Travel (Please describe plans and include projected cost)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registration. Complimentary registration will be provided to all recipients of this funding.	_____ Hotel (Please detail: number of nights? Willing to share room? If no, why not? Would you need a roommate identified for you?)
Beyond the advisory role outlined above, are there other ways you can commit to supporting DignityUSA's mission?		
Is there anything else we should know about you in considering your application?		

Thank you for your interest in attending the DignityUSA convention. We will review applications as soon as possible after May 1, 2017, and hope to notify applicants by May 19, 2017. **Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, but priority is given to those received by April 30, 2017.**