

Prevention Conference June 11 – 13, 2025 Scholarship Application Guidelines

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) is generously offering SCHOLARSHIPS to attend the 2025 In-Person PA Prevention Conference, presented by CPA and DDAP!

The Scholarship Application will close on Friday, April 25, 2025, or until all scholarships are awarded. CPA reserves the right to change the deadline date based on scholarship availability, capacity, and/or attendance.

A conference scholarship includes

- Conference registration fees for **one** individual to attend the entire **In-Person Conference** during its scheduled time (June 11-13), **including the pre-conference (Wednesday, June 11, from 8:30 11:00 a.m.).**
- Lodging for 3 nights (June 10-12), if applicant lives or works more than **50** miles from the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, 215 Innovation Blvd, State College, PA 16803.
- All other conference activities, including the networking event and evening reception.

Eligibility Requirements

- Pennsylvania non-profit agencies, coalitions, institutes of higher education, school districts, organizations, providers, faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, individuals, and college students interested in prevention are eligible to apply.
- You **must** be available to attend the full in-person conference, including the pre-conference on Wednesday, June 11, from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.
- Please review this application guidelines for all requirements.
- Scholarship recipients cannot have previously registered for the 2025 in-person conference.

Application Questions

- 1. A statement of financial need. (40 words max)
- 2. How will attending the conference benefit your prevention efforts? (40 words max)
- 3. Does your organization currently receive funding from PCCD (yes or no)
- 4. Do you reside or work 50 or more miles from the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center? (yes or no)

Application Guidelines

- I. Scholarship Details.
 - a. A scholarship to the 2025 PA Prevention Conference, presented by CPA and DDAP covers the following:
 - Conference registration fees for one individual to attend the FULL In-Person Conference during its scheduled time (June 11-13), including the pre-conference (Wednesday, June 11, from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.).
 - 2. Lodging for 3 nights (June 10 12), if applicant lives or works more than **50** miles from the Penn Stater Hotel & Conference Center, 215 Innovation Blvd, State College, PA 16803.
 - b. The Scholarship Application will be open through **Friday**, **April 25**, **2025** or until all scholarships are awarded.

- c. If your organization/coalition is currently receiving PCCD funding you can apply, however your application will be placed on hold (Section II) and reviewed after the application closing date.
- d. **One** applicant per agency, coalition, institute of higher education, school district, organization, provider:
 - If more than one person applies from the same agency the first submitted applicant that meets the eligibility requirements will be approved. The other applicants will be placed on hold (*Section II*) and reviewed after the scholarship application closing date.
- e. Scholarship recipients cannot have previously registered for the 2025 in-person conference.
- f. College students must apply on their own behalf and be currently enrolled in a PA institution of higher learning (college, university, technical institute). *There are a limited number of scholarships available for college students. A current student ID and/or other supporting documentation will be requested after application is received.*
- g. The scholarship recipients, and the applicant organization, will be responsible for meeting all attendee requirements, terms, conditions, and cancellation fees (if applicable).
- h. Cancellation policies apply (*section VII*) to ALL scholarship recipients and their agency, coalition, school district, institute of higher education, provider, or organization.

II. Application Hold.

Please do not let a hold deter you from applying for a scholarship. A hold means that not all requirements were met, but that doesn't mean that you won't be awarded a scholarship.

a. After the application deadline date, if scholarships are available, applications placed on hold will be processed and approved or denied, based on date of submission, statements of need (financial and prevention benefits), and requirements met.

III. How to Apply.

- a. The Scholarship Application will be open through **Friday**, **April 25**, **2025** or until all scholarships are awarded. CPA reserves the right to extend the application deadline.
- b. You can apply for a scholarship by using the link at the end of this document.
- c. Please make sure to read through this document before applying.
- d. Applicants will be notified weekly and no later than April 25, 2025, as to the status of their application.

IV. Application Selection.

CPA does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or age; and that it does not retaliate against persons who file a discrimination complaint or lawsuit, who complain about discrimination; or who participate in a discrimination proceeding, such as being a witness in a complaint investigation or lawsuit.

- a. Each application will be reviewed and evaluated on how the financial statement of need is presented and how attending the conference will benefit prevention efforts.
- b. Preference will be given to applicants that meet the eligibility requirements.
- c. If applying for the in-person event, lodging will be provided (up to 3 nights) if the applicant lives or works more than 50 miles from the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center.
- d. Applications will be awarded on a first submitted, first awarded basis if all requirements have been met.

- V. After Receiving a Scholarship.
 - a. Scholarship recipients will receive instruction on how to register for the conference. No payment will be required when completing registration.
 - b. Once you receive this instruction, you will have a limited window to complete your registration or your scholarship will be forfeited.
- VI. Terms & Conditions and Reporting Requirements of ALL Scholarship Recipients.
 - a. As a scholarship recipient, you are required to attend the full conference from June 11-13, 2025 including the pre-conference session June 11, 8:30-11:00 am.
 - b. Complete an evaluation for all sessions (keynotes, workshops, pre-conference) attended and an overall conference evaluation by Friday, June 20, 2025. Evaluations will be provided during the conference.
 - c. Complete a Post-Conference Scholarship Survey by Friday, June 27, 2025. This survey will be emailed to recipients after the conference.
 - d. The cancellation policy in this document (*section VII*) applies to all scholarship recipients and their agency, coalition, institute of higher education, school district, provider, or organization.
 - e. College students will be asked to provide documentation indicating they are currently enrolled in PA college, university, or technical institute.

VII. Cancellation, No-Show, and Substitution Policy for Scholarship Recipients

If you cannot attend the 2025 Commonwealth Prevention Alliance (CPA) Conference after registering, we encourage you to send a substitute. If you cannot send a substitute, CPA will abide by the following cancellation policy in the table below:

- a. March 17 April 30, 2025: a \$50 cancellation fee will apply.
- b. May 1, 2025 & Later: No refund can be issued and either you or your agency will be billed for the full cost of the conference including the conference registration amount and three nights lodging.
- c. Please send cancellations and substitution notices to CPA Conference Coordinator Lindsay Price at lindsaywprice@gmail.com.

VIII. Contingency.

Scholarships are contingent on final fund availability. PCCD has given preliminary approval for the scholarships. If funding through PCCD does not occur, all scholarships will be rescinded by CPA with no financial penalty to the scholarship recipient or the recipient agency/coalition.

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