

# **2020 OEA Regional Advocacy and Organizing Institute (AOI) Scholarship Information/ Application**

The OEA Advocacy and Organizing Institute is scheduled for February 6-8, 2020, at The Sheraton Columbus Hotel Capital Square, 75 East State Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Eighty (80) general scholarships of \$100.00 to attend the conference will be awarded to individuals from local associations across the state. Preference for all scholarships will be given to individuals attending the AOI Conference, formerly known as the Collective Bargaining Conference (CBC), for the first time and awarded as follows:

- Seventy-Two (72) General Scholarships. The general scholarships will cover the registration cost for the conference, an overnight room (**based on double occupancy**) for Thursday and Friday, and meals provided at the conference. The recipient will be responsible for all other expenses incurred.
- Eight (8) Educational Support Professional (ESP) Scholarships. The ESP scholarships cover round trip-mileage (reimbursed at the current IRS rate) to and from the conference from the scholarship recipient's home, conference registration, overnight room (**based on double occupancy**) for Thursday and Friday, all meals (including those not covered by the conference\*), and substitute reimbursement to the participant's school district if needed.
  - Per OEA Governance Expense Policy - 400.170:
    - \*Individual meal expense limits: breakfast \$17.85, lunch \$20.40, dinner \$33.54, including tax and tip.
    - \*Itemized receipts are required, listing every item purchased.
  - All expense vouchers must be returned to OEA within 60 days of the date the expense is incurred.

## **All Scholarships Guidelines:**

- ***The deadline for scholarship application is Friday, December 13, 2019. Please note that no applications will be accepted past the deadline.***
- Scholarships will be awarded first to those who have never attended the AOI (CBC), and then in the order received with preference given to distributing scholarships throughout the geographic/district areas. If there are more applicants than scholarships, a waiting list will be maintained should there be a cancellation prior to the deadline.
- If a scholarship recipient would like single occupancy for the hotel, the individual will be responsible for **\$151.58** for the two (2) night stay. If the choice is to only stay one (1) evening, the recipient will be responsible for \$75.79.
- ***You will be notified via email by Monday, January 6, 2020 if you are a scholarship recipient.*** It is the responsibility of each scholarship recipient to register online for the conference in accordance with the information provided in the notification email. If you wish to register prior to January 6, 2020, to **ensure** you get into the session(s) you would like to attend, ***please indicate that you will pay by check so OEA will not be responsible for sending a refund for your registration if you are a scholarship recipient.*** The registration website is <http://aoi.ohea.org>. **DEADLINES: Registration - January 23, 2020, Housing - January 16, 2020.**
- NOTE: Your District may also offer scholarships that differ for the conference. Contact your District directly for more information. ***No duplicate scholarships will be awarded.***

Please complete the attached application and return to Ric Castorano via email at castoranor@ohea.org, fax to 614-227-3097, or U.S. Mail to Ohio Education Association, Attn: Ric Castorano, 225 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH. 43215, *no later than Friday, December 13, 2019.*

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Advocacy and Organizing Institute (AOI) Scholarship Application  
February 6-8, 2020, Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capital Square**

**PLEASE PRINT:**

**Applicant’s Name:**

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**Street Address:**

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**City, State, Zip**

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**Home Phone:**

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**Cell Phone:**

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**Work Phone:**

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**Email - Home:**

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**Email - School:**

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**Local Association:**

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**(Please write your Local Association Name - No Abbreviations)**

**District:**

CAPITAL

CENTRAL

ECOEA

EOEA

NCOEA

NEOEA

NWOEA

SEOEA

SWOEA

WOE

**Region:**

REGION A

REGION B

REGION C

**Is your local bargaining this year?**

YES

NO

**Have you previously attended the AOI (CBC)?**

YES

NO

**Are you an Education Support Professional (ESP)?**

YES

NO

**How will your attendance at this conference increase your local’s capacity for membership engagement in internal local union activity and/or community-based activities on behalf of the local? *(Please use other side of application to answer if more room is needed.)***

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PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO RIC CASTORANO  
EMAIL AT: CASTORANOR@OHEA.ORG FAX TO: 614-227-3097  
OR MAIL TO: OHIO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, ATTN: RIC CASTORANO  
225 E. BROAD ST., COLUMBUS, OH. 43215

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