



# Student Conference Scholarship Announcement

2017 Arkansas Public Health Association Conference

Crowne Plaza Hotel • Little Rock, AR • May 10-12, 2017

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The Arkansas Public Health Association (APHA) in collaboration with the Arkansas Minority Health Commission (AMHC) and the Arkansas Cancer Coalition (ACC) is proud to present the 69<sup>th</sup> APHA Annual Meeting. The theme of the conference is *“Building a Healthy Arkansas: Strategies to Improve Health in the Natural State”* and will showcase best practices and case studies on public health practice, planning, management, and policy.

Conference attendees represent federal, state, local and regional government agencies as well as universities, the private sector and non-profit agencies. This conference is a premier opportunity for students to present their work, network with public health professionals, and learn about this exciting and rewarding profession.

Several scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate or graduate students enrolled full-time in public health research, planning, management, and policy development or closely related degree program to attend the 2017 Arkansas Public Health Association Conference. Awards are based on academic enrollment, contributions and or interest in the field, relevance of studies to health disparities, health equity, and or cancer, and willingness to give back to APHA. A scholarship valued at \$75 will be awarded to each scholarship recipient, which includes full-conference registration, lunch on May 12, 2017, and a one-year membership to APHA. Applicants do not need to be current APHA members.

Please note that scholarship recipients are expected to attend the entire APHA conference and assist with various tasks during the conference. Due to limited scholarship opportunities, awardees will be asked to sign a commitment letter. In the event that a scholarship recipient fails to attend the conference or cancel registration (no later than May 5, 2017) the recipient will be invoiced the full conference fee.

Please submit your application via email to – [Quinyatta.Mumford@Arkansas.gov](mailto:Quinyatta.Mumford@Arkansas.gov). You should prepare your submission in Word first, and then upload your complete and final application as a PDF.

## Prepare the following information:

- Your name and contact information, university, major, class year, and anticipated graduation date.
- Name, phone and email of major professor or academic advisor.
- Resume/vitae (PDF or Word format, Maximum 5 pages).
- Narrative Statement: A clear and compelling statement of career goals related to the public health profession and the extent that the scholarship will assist you in achieving those goals (300 words or less).
- Choose 1 Question: (300 words or less).
  - As a future public health professional, what do you believe poses the greatest threat to public health?
  - As a future public health professional, what strategies would you employ to address health disparities?

**Student conference scholarship applications must be received by FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017, midnight CST. For application questions, contact:** Quinyatta Mumford at [Quinyatta.Mumford@Arkansas.gov](mailto:Quinyatta.Mumford@Arkansas.gov)