

Debbie Finlay Conference Scholarship Program

Summary

In an effort to further enhance the educational and networking opportunities for its membership beyond state boundaries, LASBO is introducing a scholarship program which will provide financial assistance for selected members to attend future SASBO and ASBO Annual Conferences. This scholarship is provided to the LASBO membership through the generosity of dedicated sponsors who have the desire to further assist in the professional development of LASBO members.

Scholarships will be awarded for SASBO Annual Conference in the amount of \$1,000 and for ASBO Annual Conference in the amount of \$1,400. This financial support is designed to provide for conference registration and all or most of the cost for accommodations. Each recipient of a scholarship or the recipient's school district will be financially responsible for any other costs associated with conference attendance.

As conference costs change due to location or economical reasons, the scholarship amounts may be reviewed by the LASBO Board of Directors and scholarship sponsors for adjustment.

Scholarship recipient will, within 45 days of returning from the attended conference, submit a thank you letter to the sponsors, through the LASBO board, expressing the value of his/her experience, identifying some best practices learned and particularly identifying any practices which he/she is recommending implementing at their school district. received through the generosity of these dedicated sponsors to the LASBO board. The scholarship recipient may be expected to make presentations at future LASBO conferences and to participate in a future leadership role on the LASBO Board of Directors or as a LASBO officer when vacancies arise.

Application

A completed application form together with required attachments must be timely submitted to the scholarship committee in order to be eligible. Any active, certified (CLSBA, CLSBO, CLSBS, or CLCSBP) LASBO member may be eligible to receive a scholarship.

Scoring

Applicants will be scored based on the following criteria:

Background – Includes certifications, designations, years of experience, and years of membership. Maximum 25 points

Participation – Includes LASBO conferences attended, state or regional LASBO board or committees served, and involvement in other LASBO activities. Maximum 25 points

Essay Content – Maximum 50 points

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee will be appointed by the President and will consist of three past LASBO presidents who previously attended a SASBO or ASBO Annual Conference and the SASBO director. The committee will be appointed for a three year period. The committee will review and score the applications and make recommendations to the Board for recipients of the scholarships based on scholarship funds available.

Timing of Applications and Awards

Scholarships for the 2014-2015 school year will be awarded through an application process which will end on May 15, 2014, with awards announced no later than June 15, 2014. Scholarship applications for years following the year of introduction of the program shall be submitted to the SASBO/ASBO Scholarship Committee no later than January 6th of each year with scholarship awards being made each year at the LASBO Annual Spring Conference.

Updates

Scholarship application process for the 2018-2019 school year have been extended to June 30, 2018.

The scholarship program was renamed by resolution at the March 16, 2018 annual business meeting to the Debbie Finlay Conference Scholarship program.

DEBBIE FINLAY CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____ SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSITION: _____ YRS CURRENT POSITION: _____ TOTAL YRS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CERTIFICATIONS/DESIGNATIONS: _____

LASBO CONFERENCES ATTENDED: (*Last five years*) _____

I am requesting to attend: (*Please check one*) _____ ASBOI 2018 _____ SASBO 2019 _____ EITHER CONFERENCE.

I have previously attended the _____ ASBOI _____ SASBO Annual Conference. (*Check any that apply.*)

Attached to this application and made a part hereof is an essay (no more than two pages) which consists of the following: A description of the role the applicant plays in the education of Louisiana children, the reason why the applicant should be chosen as a scholarship recipient, and how the applicant perceives they would use the scholarship opportunity to enhance performance at their school district and in their role as a LASBO member. Also, attached hereto is a letter from the applicant's school district (Superintendent or Business/Finance Director) recommending the applicant for the scholarship.

ATTESTATION:

I hereby certify that I understand this scholarship is designed to provide conference registration and necessary hotel accommodations. Additionally, all or part of the transportation costs may be covered under this scholarship depending on availability of scholarship funds and board approval. Any costs not covered by the scholarship shall be my responsibility or that of my school district. I further understand that this scholarship is provided to enhance educational and networking opportunities and, should I be chosen to receive one of the scholarships, I agree to attend as many of the sessions and activities offered at the conference as possible. I will timely submit the required acknowledgement of appreciation following the conference and I will take seriously the enormous responsibility of representing our organization outside of Louisiana's boundaries. Further, I will utilize the education and experience gained to enhance my role as a school business official within both my school district and LASBO.

APPLICANT 'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

(Must be submitted to Debbie Finlay Conference Scholarship Committee via email icasanovas@beau.k12.la.us, with a "cc" to info@lasbo.org no later than June 30, 2018.

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Sponsor Form for the Debbie Finlay Conference Scholarship

Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

Street or P.O. Box

City

State

Zip

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Telephone () _____ Fax () _____

Email Address _____

Yes, we are interested in an Debbie Finlay Conference Scholarship Sponsor role as follows:

_____ Diamond Plus Scholarship Sponsor	\$1,200
_____ Platinum Plus Scholarship Sponsor	\$1,000
_____ Gold Plus Scholarship Sponsor	\$ 750
_____ Silver Plus Scholarship Sponsor	\$ 500
_____ Other Sponsorship	Indicate Amount \$ _____

Sponsors will be formally recognized at the next LASBO event as Debbie Finlay Conference Scholarship Sponsors.

Please **forward the completed form and your payment by June 30, 2018**, to DaVona Howard, LASBO Financial Secretary, C/O Monroe City Schools, 2006 Tower Drive, Monroe, LA 71211. (davona.howard@mcschools.net) **Please add Debbie Finlay Conference Scholarship to the memo line on your check.**