Indiana Women's Affordable Housing Network's
Charyl Luth Scholarship Fund-Applicant Information

Fund Description:

The Indiana Women's Affordable Housing Network (IWAHN) is committed to the empowerment and development of women who work in the affordable housing industry through partnership, networking, advocacy, and community engagement.

With this scholarship fund, we look forward to supporting women seeking to advance their education and understanding of our industry to enhance their professional lives and the lives of those impacted by affordable housing.

The scholarship fund is named in honor of Charyl Luth, an Indiana Chapter founding board of director. Charyl lost her battle with cancer in 2023. She was an advocate for women in affordable housing and lead the Affordable Housing Association of Indiana (AHAIN) for over 20 years.

Eligibility:

Scholarships are limited to affordable housing professionals who live and/or work in Indiana **AND** are members of the Indiana Women's Affordable Housing Network. Membership is free and can be accessed at https://wahnetwork.org/indiana

Previous scholarship recipients are eligible to apply again; however, previous award funds must be used first, and applications must be submitted for a new educational opportunity. No scholarship recipient may be awarded for the same program twice unless extenuating circumstances exist and have been discussed with and authorized by IWAHN.

Uses:

The IWAHN board currently provides one annual scholarship to the WAHN National Summit and to the Indiana Housing Conference. The remaining budgeted scholarship funds are flexible and can be used to support opportunities for members to attend an industry- related conference, event, workshop, or certification. The scholarship covers the registration fees only, unless otherwise noted.

Other industry-related examples, but not limited to these:

- Consortium for Housing and Credit Management (CHAM) courses
- Housing Credit Certified Professional (HCCP) certification from the National Association of Home Builders
- National Development Council
    - Housing Development Finance (HDFP) Certification Program
    - Economic Development Finance (EDFP) Certification Program
    - Professional Development Courses
- Novogradac training
- Affordable Housing Training Academy

How to Apply & Review:

Scholarship applications may be submitted anytime within the deadlines listed below.

Applications will be reviewed by IWAHN's Finance & Community Engagement Committees, then presented to IWAHN's Board of Directors for review and final authorization.

Application	Application Period Open	Awardees Notified By
WAHN Annual Summit	Nov. 15th-Dec. 15th	January 15th
Indiana Housing Conference	May 15th-July 1st	July 20th
For Summer/Fall Open Application Period	March 1-April 15th	May 1st
For Winter/Spring Open Application Period	Sept. 1st-Oct. 15th	Nov. 1st

Distribution of Awards:

Direct payment of fees: All conference & training fees will be paid by IWAHN directly to the organization providing the education. No funds will be disbursed directly to awardees. IWAHN will adjust the award amount if discounts for early registration apply. Awardees and a designated board member will work together to obtain an invoice, W9, and ACH instructions from the organization providing the education for payment processing. Payments made by check may take 2-3 weeks to be received by the organization providing the education.

Registration Deadline: Scholarship recipients must register for the approved conference or training within two (2) weeks of receiving award notification. Failure to register within this timeframe will result in forfeiture of the award, and the award may be offered to another applicant.

Attendance Timeline: All funded conferences, trainings, or certifications must be completed within twelve (12) months of the award date. Funding may not be applied to events occurring beyond this timeframe. Failure to attend the awarded conference will result in the recipient being ineligible for future IWAHN scholarship opportunities (unless extenuating circumstances apply as determined by the Board).

Post Conference Follow Up: Within two weeks after attending/completing the conference or training, a designated IWAHN Board member will work with the recipient to provide IWAHN with a statement about their experience, which can be used for social media posts and future advertisement of the scholarships.

Please click the link below to access the application form:

IWAHN's Charyl Luth Scholarship Application