



DignityUSA 2019 50th Anniversary Conference Scholarship Application Form

The 24th biennial DignityUSA conference, marking our 50th Anniversary, will be held in Chicago, Illinois from Friday, July 5 through Sunday July 7, 2019. It will be preceded by a one-day Forum on the State of the Global LGBTI Catholic Movement, held on July 4, 2019, held in conjunction with the Global Network of Rainbow Catholics (GNRC) Third Assembly. Both events will be held at the Westin Michigan Avenue. We invite applicants interested in these events, but concerned about the costs associated with attendance, to apply for some of the scholarship funds generously donated by our members and friends.

To help defray the cost of attending the convention and increase individuals' ability to contribute to DignityUSA's mission, DignityUSA offers scholarships based on the following guidelines:

1. Preference for scholarships is given to members of DignityUSA, and our international partners, or to those willing to make a commitment to the organization at the national or local level.
2. All scholarship recipients will be asked to spend up to 4 hours over the weekend volunteering. Our volunteer coordinator will contact each recipient to schedule volunteer time and task(s).
3. DignityUSA encourages recipients to become more involved in the organization's activities in the year following the conference. Applicants must describe how they believe Conference attendance will lead to increased involvement with DignityUSA, a local Dignity Chapter and/or a DignityUSA Caucus.
4. Preference will be given to applications received by March 31, 2019. Awards will be made based on the availability of funds. If additional funds become available, later applications or those not funded in the initial award round may be considered.

Approximate costs are (not including food/personal costs):

- Registration \$305 if received by March 31, 2019, or \$275 for first-time attendees, \$185 for young adults or Delegates to the Global Network of Rainbow Catholics 2019 Assembly who wish to attend the DignityUSA conference
- Suggested donation of \$50 for Forum on the State of the Global LGBTI Catholic Movement (Note: this fee is already included in GNRC Assembly registration)
- Airfare ~\$500 average nationwide
- Housing:
 - Westin Michigan Avenue ~\$190 for two nights (including taxes), or ~\$280 for three nights based on double occupancy (double room rate is \$159/night plus 17.4% tax; per

person rate \$93.35/night). Up to two additional people may be in room, which would decrease per person rate.

- HI Hostel Chicago – approximately \$49.50/night per person. \$99 for two nights; \$148.50 for three nights

Applications received by Tuesday, March 31, 2019 get first consideration. Those received after that date will be considered only if additional funds are available.

Please email to info@dignityusa.org, or mail to: DignityUSA, P.O. Box 376, Medford, MA 02155.

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Name (please print or type)
Address, city, state, zip/country, postal code
Phone (please include country code if outside US, Canada, Mexico)
Email
Have you attended any past DignityUSA convention(s)? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, which one(s)?
Are you attending the Global Network of Rainbow Catholics (GNRC) Assembly as a Delegate or Alternate? Yes _____ No _____
Are you a member of a religious Community?: Yes _____ No _____ (If so, you may qualify for scholarships from the Sister Eileen DeLong Scholarship Fund.) If yes, please indicate what religious community you belong to.
Briefly describe your current involvement with DignityUSA, a local Dignity Chapter, a DignityUSA Caucus, and/or an international LGBTI Catholic organization:

Describe your reasons for wanting to attend this conference:

How do you believe attending the conference will positively affect your involvement in DignityUSA, a Chapter or Caucus, or an organizational member of GNRC?

Select the financial support you request:

_____ Travel (Please describe plans and include projected cost)

_____ Registration for DignityUSA conference

_____ Registration for Forum on the State of the Global LGBTI Catholic Movement

_____ Hotel (Please detail: number of nights? Willing to share room? If no, why not? Would you need a roommate identified for you?)

_____ Hostel (Please detail: number of nights? Maximum number desired in room)

How do you see yourself giving back to DignityUSA, a Chapter or Caucus, or an organizational member of GNRC?

Is there anything else we should know about you in considering your application?

Thank you for your interest in attending the DignityUSA convention. We will review applications as soon as possible after April 1, 2019 and hope to notify applicants by April 30, 2019. **Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, but priority is given to those received by March 31, 2019.**