

## AIDS 2012 David Feldt Institute Community Educator Scholarship

The AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland (ATGC) is administering a Community Educator Scholarship for the International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2012) in Washington DC, 22-27 July 2012. The purpose of the scholarship is to support the attendance of one HIV+ individual who is able to transfer the skills and knowledge acquired back to Greater Cleveland via the *David Feldt Institute* and who otherwise would not have the opportunity to attend the conference.

The *David Feldt Institute* is the ATGC's primary means of engaging consumers in structured educational programming. From an annual membership survey to support groups such as Men's group, Women's group, and the Spill, to formal seminars on medication adherence, the *David Feldt Institute* forms a cohesive backbone for consumer engagement.

AIDS 2012 has the potential to foster connections between ATGC's consumers and the national as well as global HIV/AIDS communities - thus strengthening our fight against the AIDS epidemic.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- The DFI Community Educator Scholarship is open to everyone living with HIV in the Greater Cleveland area.
- Application deadline: **13 February 2012**. Applications will not be accepted after this date.
- You must be **at least 18 years of age** at the time of the conference (that is, turn 18 on or before July 22, 2012) to apply for a scholarship.
- You must **complete an application** and submit it by mail to AIDS 2012 Scholarship Committee, c/o ATGC, 3210 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH, 44115, or email to [jpatterson@atfgc.org](mailto:jpatterson@atfgc.org) with the subject heading: "AIDS 2012 Scholarship".
- Applications must be **completed in full**. Incomplete applications cannot be considered for a scholarship.
- Priority consideration will be given to: current members of the *David Feldt Institute*; those whose participation will help enhance their paid or volunteer work; and those who submit an abstract, workshop or programme activity (Global Village or Youth Programme) to AIDS 2012.
- As only **one scholarship is available** and the demand is so high, it is strongly recommended you also seek funding from other sources.

### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- Applicants must submit a brief **personal statement** (250 words max) outlining current involvement in the HIV/AIDS community, past experience conducting HIV-related peer education, and previous AIDS conferences attended.
- All applicants must submit a **letter of recommendation** from their manager, colleague, or peer by the deadline of 13 February 2012. If this document is not submitted, the application will not be considered. Letters simultaneously used for AIDS 2012 international scholarship programme applications are welcome. Letters may not be from ATGC Scholarship Selection Team members.
- Those who submit an abstract, workshop or programme activity to AIDS 2012 should also attach documentation of this submission.

## REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be willing to help raise funds and/or pay part of the conference expenses, and
- Applicants must commit to bringing their experience back to Cleveland to share with the HIV/AIDS community via:
  1. Co-facilitating a series of *David Feldt Institute* consumer workshops, including an overview of his/her experiences, discussing challenges facing the AIDS community, providing skills-building from what was learned at the conference, and allowing time for community discussion;
  2. Participating in the AIDS Funding Collaborative (AFC) post-conference community briefing; and
  3. Writing at least one brief article for the ATGC online newsletter.

## AWARD

- The amount of the award includes: transportation to/from Cleveland (prepaid ticket at lowest available airfare); the conference registration fee; and hotel accommodations. A nominal per diem will be supplemented by delegate's own funds (~\$180) either out-of-pocket or via fundraising.
- ATGC has identified a budget where the delegate, ATGC, and the AFC split the costs of conference attendance. Matching funds may be secured via a special fundraising event conducted by the agency along with the delegate.

## COMMUNICATION

- Communication between the ATGC Scholarship Selection Team and scholarship applicants will be done primarily by email. Therefore you must have a valid personal email address that you regularly check.
- Applicants will be notified of their status by **February 23, 2012**.
- Inquiries concerning your application for a DFI Community Educator Scholarship should be addressed to [jpatterson@atfgc.org](mailto:jpatterson@atfgc.org).

## David Feldt Institute Community Educator Scholarship Application Form

<b>FIRST NAME</b>		<b>MIDDLE INITIAL</b>	
<b>LAST NAME</b>			
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION</b>			
<b>ADDRESS</b>			
<b>CITY</b>		<b>STATE</b>	<b>OHIO</b>
			<b>ZIP CODE</b>
<b>HOME PHONE</b>		<b>MOBILE PHONE</b>	
<b>EMAIL</b>			

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Personal statement** (250 words max) outlining current involvement in the HIV/AIDS community, past experience conducting HIV-related peer education, and previous AIDS conferences attended.
- Letter of recommendation** from a manager, colleague, or peer. Letters simultaneously used for AIDS 2012 international scholarship programme applications are welcome. Letters may not be from ATGC Scholarship Selection Team members.
- Documentation** of abstract, workshop or programme activity submission to AIDS 2012, if applicable.

### STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby commit that if chosen as a David Feldt Institute Community Educator Scholarship recipient, I will help raise funds and/or pay part of the conference expenses, co-facilitate a series of *David Feldt Institute* consumer workshops; participate in the AIDS Funding Collaborative (AFC) post-conference community briefing; and write at least one article for the ATGC online newsletter.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_