Future Leaders’ Fund

The Future Leaders’ Fund, established in 2009 in honor of President & CEO David Fraher’s 25th anniversary at Arts Midwest, provides the next generation of arts administration leaders with opportunities to participate in educational programming, build a strong network of mentors, and access real-life learning experiences within the industry.

Each year the Fund recipient attends the four-day Arts Midwest Conference, where they meet with leaders in the field and participate in educational sessions about the performing arts touring industry. In 2019, the Fund will bring another next-gen leader to the 32nd annual Conference, which will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from Wednesday, September 4–Saturday, September 7, 2019.

2019 Scholarship Benefits

The recipient of the 2019 Fund scholarship will receive:
- Complimentary full-Conference registration
- Complimentary admission to one In-Depth Seminar (Wednesday, September 4)
- Access to special VIP events throughout the Conference
- Opportunities to shadow Arts Midwest leadership throughout the Conference
- Up to four nights’ lodging at the Hilton Minneapolis (depending on travel arrangements)

Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must:
- Be pursuing a career in arts administration
- Have a maximum five years’ experience in the field (education, work, or combination)
- Be enrolled in an arts administration program (undergraduate or graduate) at a university/college OR be employed by an arts organization in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, or Minnesota

To Apply

Submit the following to Emma Bohmann at emma@artsmidwest.org no later than 5 p.m. central time on June 21, 2019:
- Your résumé
- Either a personal letter (maximum two pages) or a short video (maximum two minutes) that addresses the following:
  - Why you want to be a part of the arts administration field;
  - What your professional goals are in the field;
  - What unique skills you feel you bring to the field.
- Applicants are encouraged to include up to two letters of support. (optional)

All applicants will be notified of selection decisions by June 28, 2019.

Learn more about the 2019 Arts Midwest Conference at artsmidwest.org/programs/conference.