



**Scholarship Opportunity for Economic Development Districts and Tribal Planning Grantees
in the EDA Seattle Region to Attend NADO's 2019 Annual Training Conference
Reno, Nevada | October 19 – 22, 2019**

Application Announcement and Instructions

With support from the U.S. Economic Development Administration, Seattle Regional Office (Agreement Number 07-06-07416), the **NADO Research Foundation is offering travel scholarships for staff of Economic Development Districts (EDDs) and Tribal Planning Grantees located in the EDA Seattle Region to attend NADO's 2019 Annual Training Conference in Reno, Nevada.** The goal of the program is to provide EDD or Tribal Planning Grantees staff members with the training and peer networking aimed at enhancing their leadership and program management skills. Visit the NADO website for details about the conference: www.nado.org/events/2019-annual-training-conference-2

Scholarships are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. We are able to offer one scholarship per EDD or Tribal Planning Grantee. The scholarships are to help offset airfare and hotel costs related to attending the conference; the **EDD or Tribal Planning Grantee will be responsible for covering the conference registration fee** at a rate of \$575 (per person). The EDD or Tribal Planning Grantee will also need to cover any additional fees to attend Mobile Workshops or Learning Labs.

The NADO Research Foundation has \$20,000 available for scholarships. We anticipate being able to provide 21 scholarships of \$1,000 each. Should the total amount requested in the applications submitted be less than the \$21,000 available, we may increase the scholarship amounts.

Applications are due by COB (Eastern) on Wednesday, September 18, 2019.

All scholarship recipients must agree to participate in a conference evaluation which will be forwarded to you after the conference.

Funds will be made available after the conference upon submission of a reimbursement request to be supplied by NADO. Even though the scholarship may not cover your full travel and hotel expenses, we will require copies of your airline and hotel receipts.

1. Who is eligible to apply?

Any EDD or Tribal Planning Grantee located in the EDA Seattle Region.

2. How many scholarships will be made?

We hope to make 21 \$1,000 scholarships.

3. How will participants be selected?

Applications will be maintained in order of receipt. Only complete applications will be reviewed. NADO Research Foundation will review the applications after 5:00 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. Scholarship recipients will be notified on Friday, September 20, 2019.

4. Do we have to be a member of NADO to apply?

No. EDDs and Tribal Planning Grantees located in the EDA Seattle Regional Office service area are eligible to apply.

5. If I am already registered to attend the conference, can I still apply for a scholarship?

Yes. Remember, the funds are only to help offset for travel and hotel costs. If you have registered at a higher rate than the \$575 we are offering, we will refund you the difference.

6. How can we apply?

Applicants must submit a completed application form.

7. When are applications due?

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday, September 18, 2019.

8. Who can I contact with questions?

You may direct questions or comments to NADO Deputy Executive Director Laurie Thompson at lthompson@nado.org or 202.624.5948.



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We are inviting interested EDD's and Tribal Planning Grantees from the EDA Seattle Region to apply for a scholarship. **Applications are due Wednesday, September 18 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern.** Incomplete or applications received after the 5:00 p.m. deadline will not be considered.

Applicant EDDs must submit a letter responding to the following questions; **please limit your responses to no more than 1 page:**

1. Why are you applying to the scholarship? Please explain, briefly, what you hope to get out of attending NADO's 2019 Annual Training Conference.
2. How will the EDD or Tribal Planning Grantee benefit from your participation at the conference?
3. Is your organization committed to covering some of the travel costs and the conference registration fee associated with attending the conference as outlined in the attached instructions? Please include a statement indicating your EDD or Tribal planning office is committed to covering any additional travel costs and the registration fee.
4. Please indicate if you are already registered to attend the conference.
5. **If you are not registered, please be sure to register for the conference by clicking here.**

Please email your complete application package to NADO Deputy Executive Director Laurie Thompson at lhompson@nado.org. Feel free to email or call (202.624.5948) Laurie if you have any questions.