

# MNEA Scholarship Application for AEA Conference 2019

## About MNEA

The Minnesota Evaluation Association (MNEA) is a 501c6 tax exempt membership organization that primarily serves its members, with a mission to promote and improve the theory, practice, understanding, and use of evaluation and its contribution to the Minnesota community and the neighboring regions. Our work is led and managed by a volunteer working Board of Directors, and supported by over 300 active members, which includes professional evaluators, evaluation users, evaluation funders, and evaluation students. We organize professional development and networking events, serving the local evaluation community for over 33 years. We have been a local affiliate of the American Evaluation Association (AEA), the largest professional evaluation organization in the world, since 2004. Learn more about MNEA [here](#).

## AEA Conference 2019

This year, MNEA has the opportunity to be the local affiliate host site for AEA's annual conference in November. This event brings together more than 4,000 evaluators from around the world to discuss the theory and practice of evaluation. The theme for the 2019 meeting is: *Paths to the future of Evaluation: Contribution, Leadership, Renewal*. Learn more [here](#).

## MNEA Scholarship Opportunity for AEA Conference 2019

Thanks to a generous grant from the Bush Foundation, the MNEA Board is able to provide scholarships for underrepresented evaluators and evaluation users to attend AEA 2019. Receiving the scholarship will cover the AEA conference registration and a one-year AEA membership and a one year MNEA membership (if not already an AEA/MNEA member). The remainder of the scholarship funds are to be used at the recipients's discretion for expenses such as food, transportation, lodging, or childcare during the conference.

## Eligibility Requirement

- Must be a resident of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Native Nations
- Must 18 years of age or older

## Preference will be given to underrepresented groups:

- Applicants from greater Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and the Native Nations that shares these geographies
- **People of color and Indigenous people, people who identify as LGBTIQ, people with disabilities, and other underrepresented identities**
- Students (anyone currently enrolled as a student at the time of application submission)
- First time AEA conference attendees

**Please note:** *Scholarship recipients will need to provide proof of registration for the conference and should plan to attend a Scholarship Brunch on the opening day of the*

conference, Wednesday, November 13.

## PART I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

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### 1. Name \*

First Name

Last Name

### 2. Organization Name and Title (OPTIONAL)

Organization Name

Title

### 3. Address \*

Street Address

Address 2

City/Town

State/Province

Zip/Postal Code

Email

Phone Number

4. Race/Ethnicity (Please check all that apply) \*

- Asian or Asian American
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latinx
- Native American or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Prefer to self describe - Please specify (Required)

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5. Gender \*

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary
- Prefer to self describe - Please specify (Required)

6. What is your age? \*

Age:

7. Specify other identities that you associate with (Example: LGBTIQ, disabled, etc.). (OPTIONAL)

## PART II: LOGISTICS

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8. Indicate which scholarship you are applying for (Please pick one). \*

- Twin Cities Local (7-county Twin Cities Metro Area) - Student Scholarship (\$350)
- Twin Cities Local (7-county Twin Cities Metro Area) - Professional Scholarship (\$500)
- Outside Twin Cities - Student Scholarship (\$850)
- Outside Twin Cities - Professional Scholarship (\$1,000)

9. Are you currently an AEA member? \*

- Yes
- No

10. Have you attended an AEA Conference in the past? \*

- Yes
- No

11. If you have attended an AEA Conference in the past, which year/s (please note years)? \*

12. Are you currently an MNEA member?

- Yes
- No

13. Are you currently enrolled as a student? \*

- Yes
- No

14. If you are a student, which school and program are you currently enrolled in? \*

School Name/ Department:

Program/Major:

Undergraduate or Graduate?

15. The scholarship amount exceeds the cost of the AEA Conference registration. Please indicate how you plan to use the remaining scholarship resources (Check all that apply): \*

- Transportation
- Lodging
- Food
- Childcare
- Other (Please specify) (Required)

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16. How did you hear about the MNEA Scholarship opportunity? \*

- Through a friend
- Through a coworker/colleague
- Through MNEA Website/LinkedIn/Facebook/Twitter
- Through another professional website
- Other (Please specify) (Required)

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### PART III: SHORT ANSWERS

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**PLEASE ANSWER EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN 250 WORDS OR LESS.**

17. Why are you interested in evaluation? How have you been involved in the evaluation field? \*

18. Why are you interested in attending the AEA Conference this year? What unique perspective(s) would you bring to the conference? \*

19. How do you plan to use and share lessons learned at the conference with others and/or in the community? \*

20. Briefly discuss your need for the scholarship. What barriers do you face or have faced in attending the conference?

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**Thank You!**

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**Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application! This scholarship opportunity has been made possible by the generous grant from the Bush Foundation. The MNEA Scholarship Committee will get back to you about your application status by the end of August 2019. Good luck!**