

David L. West Convention Assistance Fund 2019

The DLPAA is pleased to announce that applications will be accepted for the David L. West Convention Assistance Fund starting January 7, 2019. Created in 2012 and named in honor of Br. West (who pledged that any brother who wishes to attend Convention should not be barred due to financial inability), the fund provides financial assistance to those Brothers who don't have the means to attend the Fraternity's Annual Convention.

Please find below the purpose of the fund, selection considerations, and application instructions. The application deadline is Sunday, March 17, 2019.

Purpose of the Fund

The fund's primary form of assistance is to cover registration costs for recipients, meaning the cost is 'waived' for them.

The recipient should expect to be responsible for all other costs, including travel to/from Convention, incidental costs, food (not including meals covered as part of registration), and any additional events that may cost above and beyond the registration fee (e.g. excursions or alumni outings). The Office of Alumni Services can assist recipients in some regards to link to possible sources of support, but final support costs fall on the recipient.

All recipients are expected to volunteer time to the Fraternity at the Convention.

Eligibility

Any member of DLP, not currently under suspension, is eligible to apply.

Selection Considerations

The Alumni Affairs Committee will use the following criteria when taking applications into consideration:

Primary Considerations

- Demonstrated financial need
- Recipient's ability and willingness to volunteer to help administer Annual Convention activities (e.g., supporting the delegate business meeting, leading tours and excursions, being an "on call" person overnight, organizing Game Night, etc.)
- Number of applications received overall
- How far the applicant will need to travel to attend Annual Convention (preference will be given to those who need to travel far)
- Previous history of past or pending RMP violations

Secondary Considerations

- Number of applications from an individual chapter, colony, or LAA
- The applicant's past service to the Fraternity (any or all groups within DLP) or in support of our philanthropic causes and efforts
- Delegates to the Annual Convention business meeting are expected to demonstrate financial support from the chapter, colony, or LAA they are representing and will receive matching funds
- Applicants who have not attended Annual Convention will be preferred over those who have attended Annual Convention in the past
- Applicants who have attended only one or two Annual Conventions in the past will be preferred over those who have attended many Annual Conventions in the past
- Applicants who have never received a David L. West Convention Assistance Fund in the past will be preferred over those that have received this award in the past
- The overall amount of money on-hand in the fund will be a factor to consider when determining amounts of each award

Application Instructions

Access application [here!](#)

Please complete the application by Sunday, March 17, 2019 to allow time for formal review and allocation of funds. The online format is very simple, and should take the average applicant between 10-15 minutes to complete.

Selection Timeline

Decisions will be made, and provided to applicants who submitted by the deadline, no later than the first week of April.

Questions?

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