

## **ILGA-Europe Annual Conference 2022 Scholarships**

**The call for scholarship applications is now open! Deadline is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August (23:59 CEST).**

ILGA-Europe offers scholarships for activists who would otherwise be unable to participate in the conference for financial reasons. We are committed to ensuring that the diversity of the LGBTI movement in the region is reflected as much as possible at the Conference.

Throughout the scholarship and registration process, our aim will be to get the most balanced representation of activists and organisations we can within the circumstances. When reviewing the scholarship applications, we will pay particular attention to who is represented in the overall registration process (especially in terms of country and identity). In order to ensure a balanced composition of attendees, we will give priority to scholarship applications from those who are less represented.

We know that many of your organisations have limited resources. Unfortunately, ILGA-Europe does not have the resources to support every person who will apply for a scholarship. If your organisation has funding or is in a position to find other sources of support for conference participation, please consider whether you need to apply for a scholarship or not.

### **Can I apply for a scholarship?**

- Given ILGA-Europe's geographic focus, only applications from LGBTI activists representing an organisation based in Europe and Central Asia are accepted.
- The applicant should also be based in the European and Central Asian region
- The applications of activists who have already registered as paying participants will not be considered.
- The applications of activists who have two delegates already registered as paying participants will not be considered. Please discuss within your organisation before applying for a scholarship.

### **Selection criteria**

In assessing applications for scholarships ILGA-Europe will consider the following:

- **Diversity:**
  - We give particular attention to diversity of representation from delegations to the Annual Conference – whether it is in terms of sexual orientations, gender identities and/or gender expression, sex characteristics, cultures, religions, linguistic, ethnic groups as well as in terms of age, disability, visual or hearing ability, health status, financial means and family composition/responsibilities or other identities.
  - We particularly welcome applications from activists belonging to groups which are under-represented within the LGBTI movement.
- **Motivation:**
  - Applicants should explain how their participation will contribute to the work of ILGA-Europe and to that of the LGBTI movement in their country or region (Europe and Central Asia).

Please, keep in mind that:

- **Do not book travel or apply for a visa unless the scholarship is granted!**
  - **If you have concerns about the timeline for your visa application, please contact the ILGA-Europe team to discuss it.**
- ILGA-Europe's members will be prioritised.
- Scholarship applications of individuals who are already registered as paying participants, and those coming from organisations that have already delegated two paying participants, will not be assessed
- Once all the scholarships are granted, a waiting list will be created in case of cancellations.
- If you are granted a scholarship, you will receive a request to register (fill in another form). If you do not register by the deadline, your scholarship will be cancelled and passed on to the next applicant on the waiting list.

## **Process and timeline**

The scholarship process is launched on Wednesday 1 June and closes on Monday 1 August. During this time, you can submit your scholarship application. In the weeks following, ILGA-Europe will assess your scholarship application based on the established selection criteria. Applicants will be notified about the outcome of the selection process in the second week of August.

What do you need to do?

- By 1st of August: Fill in the application form
- Second week of August: wait until the status of your application is confirmed
- If you are granted a scholarship you will be asked to confirm your participation by filling up the conference registration form 2 weeks after receiving the notification.

**What is included in the scholarship?**

A full scholarship includes:

- ✓ Travel and associated costs as visa costs, compulsory insurance or compulsory COVID test from your country of residence to/from Sofia based on the estimate costs indicated on your scholarship application\*
- ✓ Accommodation in single room for **4 nights, from Wednesday 19 to Sunday 23 October** at the conference hotel = **€400**
- ✓ Access to the entire conference programme from Wednesday evening and **all meals from Wednesday evening to Saturday evening** (lunch, dinner, coffee breaks) = **€250**

\*Please note that you may be asked to book your travel in advance on your own and be reimbursed only after the conference.

For any questions about the scholarship contact [Sofia2022@ilga-europe.org](mailto:Sofia2022@ilga-europe.org)