



Miriam Karlins Scholarship Application

Please read the enclosed guidelines carefully before applying. Limit responses to space provided. Recipients may be asked to submit a written summary report to MAVA regarding the event for review and potential publication. **IMPORTANT:** Applications must be submitted 2 weeks prior to registration deadline; however, the MAVA state conference scholarships have a pre-determined deadline date. Please visit www.mavanetwork.org for more specifics on conference scholarships.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Agency: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Training/workshop title: _____

Sponsor of training: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor address: _____ Phone: _____

Reason for your interest in this training: _____

What outcomes are you expecting from this session: _____

Relevance to work you're currently doing: _____

Background in volunteer management: _____

Specific need for financial assistance: _____

Are you currently a member of MAVA? Yes or No

Please mail a copy of your Miriam Karlins Application with an attached copy of your **completed training/workshop registration form** (Failure to send in required items could result in exclusion of your application) to:

Minnesota Association for Volunteer Administration
Attn: Miriam Karlins Selection Committee
1800 White Bear Avenue North
Maplewood, MN 55109

If you have any questions, please call: 651-255-0469

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Miriam Karlins Scholarship Guidelines & Criteria for Eligibility

About the Fund:

Proceeds from successful statewide trainings make up the Miriam Karlins Scholarship fund. The scholarship is to enable and encourage professionals in the field of further enhance and develop their volunteer resource leadership skills. The review committee reserves the right to consider exceptions to state criteria as deemed applicable, and to limit and/or award funds as necessary, prudent and advantageous to the profession. Funds will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis to those that meet all eligibility requirements and are selected by the scholarship selection committee.

History:

Miriam Karlins was a pioneer in reforming the mental health system, a leader of volunteers, and a lifelong advocate for people with developmental challenges and other mental health issues. The Karlins Center (for adults with autism) in Plymouth, MN, was dedicated in her name for the many years she spent working with and supporting Opportunity Partners. Miriam was the founder of the Association for Volunteer Administration. She was the first Chief Executive of Volunteer Services in the Minnesota Department of Public Welfare (now known as the Department of Human Services). In the 1970's Miriam was instrumental in the formation of Minnesota's State Office of Volunteerism – the Governor's Office of Volunteer Services (GOVS). Governor Wendell Anderson brought Miriam in to write the first federal proposal for GOVS after recommending what a State Office of Volunteerism would do. Miriam was a beloved leader in the field of volunteerism and her memory is carried on today through the work of volunteer administrators.

Who is eligible?

- Individuals that are currently MAVA members.
- Individuals who are actively involved in volunteer administration on a paid or unpaid basis.
- Individuals for whom it would be a hardship to participate in the specified training experience without access to scholarship funds.
- Individuals, who live, serve or work in a Minnesota community or residence.

Guidelines:

- Recipient may receive only one award per calendar year & amount will not exceed 50% of the requested registration fee.
- Funds are available to applicants who live, serve or work in a Minnesota Community or Residence.
- Scholarship does NOT pay for travel, expenses acquired with travel, meals, additional event activities or entertainment.
- Scholarship does NOT pay for MAVA membership or MAVA's annual meeting.

The following priorities will be considered:

- Individuals with a demonstrated commitment to the field and to assisting their colleagues in professional growth.
- Applicants from diverse types of statewide programs.
- Maximizing the impact of available fund.