



# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE HEAD INJURY ADMINISTRATORS

## The Susan Vaughn Legacy Scholarship Award

In 2019, we celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and developed a scholarship to honor our former leaders, in addition to our founder – Susan Vaughn. The rich history of service that NASHIA represents and continues to deliver each year through the SOS Conference and many other activities is exemplified through this scholarship opportunity.

Each year, an individual, or more than one individual, may be selected to receive a registration scholarship for the annual State of the States in Brain Injury Conference. In keeping with NASHIA's mission, this opportunity is intended to promote partnerships and build systems to enhance the services provided to individuals with brain injuries and their families.

### Who is Eligible to Apply?

Eligible applicants may be a:

- state government employee or member of a state's advisory council
  - from a state without a TBI State Partnership grant.
  - from a state with a TBI State Partnership grant who is employed in a non-funded position.
  - current member of NASHIA.
  - non-member of NASHIA.
  - person who has attended SOS in the past.
  - first time SOS attendee (we encourage you to apply).

### Who is Not Eligible?

Individuals are ineligible who are:

- persons who are not state-government employees or members of a state's advisory council
- members of the NASHIA Board of Directors.
- NASHIA staff members.
- members of the Legacy Scholarship Review Committee.
- already registered and have paid registration fees to attend the SOS Conference.
- past Legacy Scholarship recipients.
- SOS sponsors or exhibitors who qualify for complimentary registration fees.
- NASHIA members or non-members that have registration fees covered by the federal TBI state grant partnership program.

## Selection Process

Scholarship recipients are selected by a review committee. The review committee may consist of current Board members, staff members of NASHIA, and/or SOS Committee members.

- A rubric will be utilized to assist in the selection process.
- The review committee will consider the following factors, but are not limited to:
  - the appropriateness of the educational opportunity related to the applicant's role,
  - financial need, and/or,
  - contributions of the applicant to his/her state, partner community, and/or to NASHIA.
- Priority may be given to expanding representation of all states/territories.
- Scholarships will be awarded based on availability of funds and may vary each year.

## Legacy Scholarship Award & Rules:

- The scholarship awarded may cover the virtual pre-conference registration fees, the in-person registration fees, or both the virtual pre-conference and in-person registration fees (max. value of \$875). If in-person registration fees are covered by the award received, any meals included in the registration fee will be included. \*Please note that the scholarship award **does not** cover travel, lodging, meals not included in the registration fee, and/or incidental expenses.
- Applications must be completed online and submitted by the deadline date – **Friday, June 23, 2023** - to be considered.
- Recipient(s) will be notified of the award ahead of the event.
- If selected, recipient(s) must confirm their ability to attend the event and complete the registration for the event within three weeks of notification of award. A registration code will be provided.
- For purposes of NASHIA promotion, the recipient(s) will be asked to provide post-conference feedback regarding their experience and the benefits of attending the event.
- By accepting the Legacy Scholarship, recipient(s) provide permission to be featured in conference promotions, including, but not limited to, live appearances, conference materials, written statements, press or video interviews, and/or sessions with sponsors, staff, and board members.
- Recipient(s) may be recognized at the SOS Conference.
- NASHIA reserves the right to make changes to the Legacy Scholarship Award program with or without prior notice.

## Application Requirements:

The online application form includes:

- Contact & demographic information
- Resume or vitae
- Short written statements that relate to professional development goals and need for support, such as:
  - relatedness of SOS to the applicant's job and professional development goals;
  - contributions of the applicant to his/her state, partner community, and/or to NASHIA;
  - how the applicant will apply the knowledge gained at the conference; and
  - financial support need.

**Application link: <https://form.jotform.com/231267935164157>**

The online application form includes:

- Full Name
- Address, City, State, Zip
- Phone
- Email Address
- Current Organization
- Current Title/Position
- NASHIA Membership status
- Type of Scholarship - (check one)
  - Virtual Pre-Conference Only
  - In-Person Only
  - Both Pre-Conference and In-Person
- Resume or vitae
- Short essay questions (in 500 words or less each):
  - Please describe the work you are currently involved with in your State in any or all of the following areas: State level systems, partnerships, public policy, advocacy, service provision, education, awareness.
  - Please describe how you anticipate attending the SOS Conference will enhance your work as it relates to any or all of the following: agency/organization, community, policy work, professional development, partner community.
  - Please describe your contributions, if any, to your community, State, or associations such as NASHIA within the past 2 to 3 years. *\*This does not have to be related to the field of brain injury.*
  - A short, written statement regarding the need for this Legacy Scholarship.
  - Optional -- Please include other information that you would like the Legacy Scholarship Review Committee to know as it relates to the application for this scholarship award.
- Applicant assurances and permissions.