

MAA Provision For Financial Assistance

The Missouri Alumni Association (MAA) has initiated a means of providing financial assistance to enable and encourage members to attend Regional conferences/conventions when they are facing financial challenges. The process, requirements, and limitations of this provision are as follows:

Request and Approval Process:

- To be eligible, an individual must be a current, dues-paying member of the Missouri Alumni Association (MAA).
- Any eligible member who needs financial assistance to attend a Regional conference/convention must submit a Financial Assistance Application, to the Executive Committee, indicating their financial need and the conference or convention they wish to attend. The Financial Assistance Application may be obtained by mail or email from any member of the Missouri Alumni Association Executive Committee.
- Applications must be submitted by mail or email to Cheryl Winter, MAA advisor, and **must be received** no less than 30 days prior to the applicable Regional conference/convention. Applications received less than 30 days prior to the applicable Regional conference/convention will be disqualified for consideration for that conference/convention.
- Any member who applies for financial assistance must submit a signed statement indicating said member's understanding and agreement to fulfill all requirements, as specified in this provision and the application.
- The MAA Executive Committee will review all requests and make a determination to approve or deny the requests. The member(s) requesting financial assistance will be notified of the committee's decision prior to the conference/convention for which the request is made.
- If approved, payment for registration fees will be made by the MAA, on behalf of the member, to the Missouri Region Coordinator. Payment for one-fourth of the hotel room rate (if applicable) will be made by the MAA directly to the member.

Participation and Repayment Expectations:

- In return for financial assistance, the member will be required to actively participate in alumni events at the conference/convention for which the assistance is provided. Such events include, but are not limited to, assisting with attendance prize distribution, merchandise sales in the marketplace, alumni membership information table/breakout sessions, attendance at the Alumni Business Meeting, participation in breakout sessions presented by alumni, and any other activities or events in which the alumni participate during the conference/convention.
- Should the member fail to fulfill the requirements, as specified in this provision, said member will be required to repay the full amount of funds provided by the MAA and will be ineligible for future consideration of financial assistance from the MAA.
- In the event the member fails to fulfill the requirements of the agreement and fails to repay the full amount of funds provided by the MAA, said member's membership in the MAA will be revoked and he/she will be ineligible for MAA membership thereafter.

Financial Assistance Limitations:

- The MAA will provide financial assistance in the amount of Registration Fees and one-fourth of the hotel room rate (if applicable) for the entire Regional conference or convention.
- It is the responsibility of the member receiving financial assistance to pay all applicable room rates and any additional charges, including but not limited to, taxes, telephone charges, room service, parking, and entertainment fees directly to the hotel.
- Financial assistance will be granted no more than two (2) times in a lifetime to any eligible member.
- Financial assistance will be granted to no more than three (3) eligible members per year, if there are adequate funds in the MAA treasury.
- The MAA Executive Committee reserves the right to withdraw/discontinue the financial assistance provision at any time due to lack of funds in the MAA treasury or lack of interest by the MAA membership.