



THE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ASSOCIATION

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Patsy Hochman Academy Scholarship Overview

The Patsy Hochman Academy Scholarship, honoring the memory of Patsy Hochman, provides \$3,650 for a recipient to participate in Learning Forward's Academy. The Learning Forward Academy is a two-and-a-half year learning experience, modeling the organization's vision for professional learning and teamwork in schools. Academy members are provided the opportunity to clarify, study, and solve authentic problems related to student learning in schools.

The purpose of the Patsy Hochman Academy Scholarship is the development of leadership in the field of professional learning. Scholarship goals are to provide participants with time and expertise in constructing the knowledge and developing the skills and courage to solve significant problems related to student learning, thereby transforming professional learning within their own organization.

The Patsy Hochman Academy Scholarship is for an educator who is a school-based teacher leader/coach, aspires to a role of leadership in the area of professional learning, and works with a large population of underserved students. Preference will be given to qualified applicants from the state of Texas.

Requirements of the Scholarship

Being a recipient of a Patsy Hochman Academy Scholarship requires full commitment to active learning and participation throughout the Learning Forward Academy experience. The recipient shall additionally commit to complete all responsibilities as outlined in the Patsy Hochman scholarship application, including periodic written reports to the Learning Forward Foundation Board and reports at the Annual Conference during each year of the recipient's participation in the Academy. Additionally, the scholarship recipient is required to participate in evaluation touch-points and related activities, along with a final evaluation conversation in a face-to-face meeting at the conclusion of the scholarship. A Patsy Hochman Academy Scholarship recipient is required to regularly communicate with the Learning Forward Foundation contact assigned to the scholarship, submit any photos, updates, and information requested by the Learning Forward Foundation, and apply to present at one of the Learning Forward Conferences at the conclusion of the Academy experience.

Length of Grant and Foundation Support

The scholarship supports a recipient for the duration of the two-and-a-half year Learning Forward Academy experience.

Selection Process

A committee of foundation representatives will use a rigorous evaluation process to select the scholarship recipient. The committee will use a standardized scoring rubric and assign a total quantitative score to each applicant.

Evaluation

Foundation representatives will conduct formative and summative evaluations. This evaluation procedure requires the scholarship recipient to provide data and other evidence of results as stated in the scholarship application.

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