

## **Diversity in Action InterActivity 2017 Scholarship Application**

**Submission Deadline:** January 13, 2017

The goals of the Diversity in Action 2017 InterActivity Scholarship Program are to attract, encourage retention, and support professional development of museum staff with diverse backgrounds in the children's museum field; as well as recognizing children's museum professionals that play an active role in advancing diversity through effective museum programs and policies.

The scholarship provides individuals complimentary registration to InterActivity 2017: *Fun is Serious Business*, May 2–5, in Pasadena, CA, and a ticket to the Kidspace Evening Event. Travel to InterActivity, food, and hotel accommodations are the responsibility of the selected recipient.

**Please note: applicants who are not awarded a scholarship and wish to attend InterActivity will be able to register using the Early Bird rates.**

### **Professional Scholarship:**

Provides leadership development and peer-networking opportunities by attending InterActivity 2017. Awardees will be asked to submit a session proposal for InterActivity 2017 and share their InterActivity 2017 experience with the children's museum field.

### Eligibility:

An individual may apply for a professional scholarship if he or she meets the following criteria:

- Self-identifies with one or more minority groups (some examples are: racial/ethnic minority, person with a disability, or LGBT);
- Is an ACM member, or works for an ACM member institution;
- Has not attended InterActivity within the past two (2) years (2015 or 2016);
- Is working to increase diversity in the museum field, in their community, and/or in their institution;
- Demonstrates a desire to enhance his/her career in the children's museum or larger museum field;
- Has been employed at his/her present institution full-time for at least one year prior to date of application submission.

### Required Documentation:

Current resume/CV or current job description.

### **Student Scholarship:**

Provides an opportunity to gain greater professional understanding of the children's museum field and enhance one's professional network by attending InterActivity 2017. In addition to complimentary registration, awardee will also receive a complimentary, one year student membership to ACM and will be asked to share their InterActivity 2017 experience with the children's museum field.

### Eligibility:

An individual may apply for a student scholarship if she meets the following criteria:

- Self-identifies with one or more minority groups (some examples are: racial/ethnic minority, person with a disability, or LGBT);
- Attending an accredited graduate program, or graduated from an accredited program within the past two years;
- Demonstrates an interest in working in the children's museum or larger museum field;
- Has not attended InterActivity within the past two (2) years (2015 or 2016);
- ACM membership is NOT required.

### Required Documentation:

Current resume/CV and a copy of your student ID.

### **Application:**

Please complete and return this application form. There is no limit to the number of applications that a single museum may submit, however only one individual will be awarded from a single institution. You may support your application by sending electronic files no larger than 1MB. All fields are required.

Complete Sections I and II. Section III: please choose **one** of two scholarship categories. The category chosen will determine which essay questions to complete.

## **I. Name and Contact Information**

First and last name:

Title:

Name of ACM member museum (if not a student):

Phone:

Email:

## II. Diversity

What does diversity mean to you? Limit 200 words.

Please describe your vision of diversity at your institution or in the children's museum/museum field at large. How can this vision be achieved? Limit 500 words.

## III. Scholarship Categories

Please choose **one** scholarship category:

Professional

Student

Have you ever attended an InterActivity conference?

Yes

No

If yes, please indicate the last year you attended:

Answer the following essay questions according to the category chosen above:

### Diversity in Action Professional Scholarship

What is your current position and what are your current and/or future professional career goals? Limit 200 words.

How would attending InterActivity 2017 help you achieve your career goals? Limit 200 words.

### Diversity in Action Student Scholarship

What is your academic focus and what are your future career goals? Limit 200 words.

How would attending InterActivity 2017 help in making your career goals a reality? Limit 200 words.

**By checking the boxes below you are confirming the terms of agreement for the Diversity in Action Scholarship.**

- If selected, awardees are responsible for covering the costs of travel, lodging, and meals for the full three days of the conference. The estimated total per diem rate for three days in Pasadena is \$789 (\$199 per day for lodging; \$64 per day for meals and other expenses). If selected, I am able to secure funds to pay for all travel expenses to InterActivity.
- I certify that all statements and information submitted in this application are valid and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- If awarded, I agree to participate in conference activities to be determined by ACM and allow my name and likeness to be shared in ACM publications and on the ACM Web site.
- I understand it is my responsibility to notify ACM immediately if changing circumstances prevent me from attending InterActivity 2017 due to personal reasons or due to a lack of funds to cover travel, hotel and other expenses, so that ACM may grant another qualifying candidate InterActivity Small Museum Financial Aid Program assistance.
- Professional Scholar applicants: My supervisor is fully aware of the benefits and responsibilities of this opportunity and endorses my application by signing below.

Name, Title, Email of Supervisor/Museum Executive Director:

Please send your completed application and any supporting electronic materials (1 MB limit) to [Maria.Sulima@ChildrensMuseums.org](mailto:Maria.Sulima@ChildrensMuseums.org) by **January 13, 2017**.