

April 10, 2017

Greetings from the SAzAEEYC 2017 WSLN Planning Committee!

The Western States Leadership Network extends this invitation to out of state applicants to attend Western States for an exciting scholarship opportunity!

The intent of this scholarship is to provide an opportunity to support emerging affiliate leaders representing the diverse richness of the professionals in our field. This includes those from varied ethnic and cultural backgrounds, family child care providers, and corporate early care and educational organizations, among others. We are especially interested in outreach efforts to millennials and young professionals. In addition, the current leaders within WSLN will be responsible for mentoring the new leaders into the WSLN and NAEYC families.

Important details about WSLN 2017

Join us for inspiration, information and rejuvenation in the beautiful city of Tucson and the surrounding deserts of southwestern Arizona. We welcome tremendous growth and POWER to our profession of early childhood as we gather to sow the seeds of new ideas and collaborations, growing together under the sunny desert skies!

Power to the Profession: Under the Desert Skies will be held July 12-15, 2017 at the beautiful University of Arizona campus located in Tucson, Arizona.

This scholarship would grant 2 recipients a total of \$375 (each) towards registration. Lodging, meals, and ground transportation are included in the registration fee. Applications must be received by June 1, 2016.

Application and questions can be submitted electronically to: sazaeycpresident@gmail.com

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See you in Tucson!

2017 WSLN Committee

WSLN 2017 Scholarship Application

NAEYC promotes high-quality early learning for all children, birth through age 8, by connecting practice, policy, and research. Our core values are defined in the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct and are deeply rooted in the early childhood profession and support all who care for, educate, and work on behalf of young children. We advance a diverse, dynamic early childhood profession. In addition, we seek to be a high-performing, inclusive organization that is enriched by and continually grows from our commitment to diversity, as embodied by our core beliefs. We advocate for policies, practices, and systems that promote full and inclusive participation. We confront biases that create barriers and limit the potential of children, families, and early childhood professionals. Read NAEYC's [Strategic Direction](#) and the NAEYC [Code of Ethical Conduct](#).

NAEYC annually provides two scholarships to emerging leaders that embody the values and beliefs of our Association. WSLN is an annual gathering of leaders within NAEYC to share and build skills in leadership. It is hosted by a different western state each year. This year it will be held July 12-15, 2017 in Tucson, Arizona. This scholarship¹ is intended to assist with the cost of registration to attend and covers on-site food, lodging and training.

Scholarships are specifically given to the Western States Leadership Network (WSLN) to support the development and membership of underrepresented communities within WSLN and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The questions below relate specifically to this goal.

Application

Applicant Name _____ Member ID _____

Affiliate Sponsor _____

Applicant Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____ Telephone _____

Tell us about your current professional role in early care and education

How are you involved in your Affiliate? [Please check all that apply]

- I serve on my affiliate's board
- I serve on a committee or work group
- I volunteer regularly at affiliate events
- Other

¹ NAEYC Affiliate Relations

How long have you been actively engaged with your affiliate? _____

NAEYC and Southern Arizona AEYC have a unique opportunity to support emerging affiliate leaders representing the diverse richness of the professionals in our field. We ask that you share how you identify yourself in order to ensure multiple perspectives and voices are present.

Please tell us your age range:

- 24-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65 or older

Race/Ethnicity:

Gender/Gender Identity:

What are your professional goals?

What are your goals for future engagement in your affiliate or more broadly within NAEYC?

What do you hope to gain personally and professionally by attending WSLN 2017?

What three suggestions do you have to increase the diversity and inclusiveness of your affiliate? [For example – would your affiliate benefit from holding member events and activities in other parts of your community? If yes, please describe]

Why would you like to be considered to receive this scholarship?

Would you be willing to write a blog for the NAEYC website about your experience at WSLN?

Thank you for your interest in bringing and continuing to build your leadership and representation to the WSLN/NAEYC community! We appreciate and value your membership!

We will notify all applicants regarding the decision of the selection committee by or before June 9, 2017