

Ruth Ann Bennett Annual WSNA Summer Conference Scholarship

Nominations Due: June 15, 2024

Ruth Ann Bennett was a dedicated WSNA member and leader from 1978-1997. She wanted every Child Nutrition Program in the state to be successful. She was committed to ensuring that WSNA members were offered valuable continuing education opportunities through workshops and conferences. This scholarship was set up in her name in 1997 when she retired. The purpose is to provide members with financial assistance to attend WSNA sponsored education sessions. Unfortunately, Ruth Ann passed away in 2020. Her impact, however, continues through this continuing education scholarship opportunity.

Scholarship for Expenses to attend WSNA Annual Summer Conference. This can be used for pre-conference and/ or conference registration fees and up to 2 nights of lodging for 1 person in a conference hotel. Additional expenses like parking may be covered with approval. **Two Scholarships for up to \$400.**

NOTE: Only 1/2 of the room cost can be covered by adhering to the WSNA Policy that board members share a room when traveling.

Requirements of Applicants:

1. Be a current, active member of SNA/WSNA.
2. Deadline for submission is June 15th.
3. The scholarships will be awarded within 30 days of conference. The recipients will work with the WSNA Executive Director to coordinate pre-payment of conference registration and hotel fees.
4. Member can receive this scholarship only once.
5. Scholarships will be awarded based on the applicant's response to the question:
 - o "Why do you want to attend summer conference and how would the Ruth Ann Bennet scholarship help?" (Be specific: What excites you about attending conference? How would the scholarship help you?)
6. The education committee is responsible for the selection of scholarship recipients. A scoring system will be used based on:
 - o Content, completeness, professionalism, spelling, and punctuation.
7. A committee of at least 3 WSNA members will score scholarship applications; the highest average score will receive the scholarship. In the event of a tie the committee will award by random drawing. An alternate will be selected if one of the scholarship recipients is not able to attend the summer conference.
8. The grant recipient will be recognized at the annual summer conference.

Complete the following short application and email to WashingtonSNAInfo@gmail.com

Questions can be emailed to the WSNA Executive Director at

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