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Conference Attendance Scholarship Application

A. Professional Development Committee Mission Statement

The IAATE Professional Development Committee will provide a strong foundation for avian professionals to gain information and improve management and training of their birds to better present inspirational education programs. By sharing the most current information and practices in our community we will create the highest levels of care, training, show production and presentation, which will improve avian welfare and well-being.

B. Awards

IAATE will award up to $5,000.00 to eligible IAATE members. This scholarship fund is limited and will be awarded to only applicants who meets eligibility requirements. The recipient of this scholarship will be determined by the IAATE Professional Development Committee.

C. Minimum Eligibility Requirements

In order to be eligible for consideration, those applying for the IAATE Scholarship must:

- Be a current IAATE Member.
- Complete and submit this application, by October 1 of the year preceding the conference you wish to attend, along with a short essay of 500 words or less on why you deserve this scholarship to attend IAATE's annual conference and how you will apply this opportunity to advance your career in the future.

D. How to Apply

- Read this application thoroughly and complete the required information below.
- Submit this completed scholarship application and budget proposal form to the IAATE Professional Development Committee via e-mail by the deadline.

E. Award Determination

- Applicant's budget proposal will be reviewed to determine total award amount.
- Committee review and approval of essay content.
- Recipients will be notified by IAATE's Professional Development Committee by November 1 of the year preceding the conference you wish to attend.

F. Provisions

- Funds from the IAATE Scholarship may only be used toward attendance costs for the upcoming IAATE Annual Conference. Receipts will be required for all expenses covered by the scholarship and must be turned it by then end of the conference the award was used for.

- The scholarship is nontransferable and has no redeemable cash value.

- Amount requested may not be funded in full. It is up to the Professional Development Committee to deem what funds will be awarded for specific expenses. In order to maximize funds for as many eligible members as possible you may be required to room with another attendee. Also funds will not be awards for extracurricular social activities such as the "Night Out" events, pre-conference trips, food, etc.

Name (Print):

Employer:

Job Title:

Student Signature: