



2024 PA Community of Practice Transition Conference

Charting YOUR Course

July 31 & August 1, 2024
Penn Stater Conference Center, State College PA

Youth and Family Scholarship Information:

The PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) and PaTTAN are pleased to offer a limited number of in person or virtual youth/young adult and family/caregiver scholarships to Pennsylvania residents who have transition aged youth between the ages of 14-21, with a current IEP, a 504 Plan or self-disclose that they have a disability. Scholarships will be awarded through an application selection process. Please address all fields of the application fully, as the Conference Committee will carefully review each application. Scholarship opportunities for families from underserved and underrepresented communities will be given preference.

Eligibility to Apply:

Scholarships are available to all of the following conference attendees

- Transition-aged youth with a current IEP, a 504 Plan or self-disclose that they have a disability between the ages of 14-21 accompanied by an adult (family member/ caregiver) - Scholarships will not be awarded if the student is age 22 or older, or will turn 22 before July 31, 2024.
- Family member or caregiver of a transition-aged youth between the ages of 14-21, with a current IEP, a 504 Plan or self-disclose that they have a disability (youth NOT attending)
- Youth Ambassadors who work collaboratively with teachers, Local Education Agencies (LEA) Transition Coordinators and OVR, PaTTAN and Bureau of Special Education (BSE) staff to improve the transition of students with disabilities from school to postsecondary education or an employment outcome.

Important Information:

- To be eligible for a scholarship from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR), there must be an OVR-244 (Pre-ETS Request) on file or an open case with OVR.
- Please Note: If an OVR-244 is not currently on file or an open OVR case, then a referral to OVR is required to receive a scholarship. Any questions, please reach out to Melissa Wert-Thrus at mwertthrus@pa.gov.

Each Scholarship Covers:

1. **Registration Fee** - For either in-person or virtual registration.
2. **Lodging** - For those traveling 50 miles or more to the conference, the cost of one, double occupancy hotel room for July 30 & 31, 2024 will be paid.
3. **Conference Meals** - Continental breakfast and lunch on July 31 and August 1st will be provided. All other meals will be the responsibility of the conference attendee.

Scholarships do not include travel expenses; all conference attendees will need to provide and pay for their own transportation.

Conference registration and session attendance is required to participate in conference amenities. Childcare is NOT provided. Conference registration will be open in mid-May at www.pattan.net/events.

Application Process and Deadline:

- Scholarship applications must be submitted by June 05, 2024.
- If more than one youth/young adult with a disability will be attending in-person, per family, a separate application must be completed for each youth/young adult.
- Preference will be given to first-time applicants.
- Scholarship notifications will be sent no later than June 7, 2024.

To complete an application, go to: <https://forms.office.com/r/X4RBMjRFGx>

For assistance completing this survey, please contact Paula Quinn at pquinn@pattanpgh.net