

# 2009 PPI Scholarship Application

**Applications must be received by: March 15, 2009**

NASP is aware that some state associations do not have the funds needed to sponsor a participant for the PPI. As a result, a limited number of scholarships will be available to support states in covering their registration fees. The maximum amount available is \$349 or the cost of reimbursement of the registration fee for one state participant. Awards will be made as reimbursement of the registration fee only. **This application must be signed and submitted (by FAX or mail) by your school psychology state association's current president.** Criteria for selection will be based upon the following:

1. States have a clear interest in influencing public policy but have not yet developed the infrastructure to support this effort.
2. States have key members of Congress in their delegation and have a plan for influencing these members to advance NASP's goals and mission.
3. States have a clear need to influence public policy because one of the following priorities is currently an issue in the state: achieving NCSP parity (salary stipends for NCSP), recognizing the NCSP for state credentialing, protecting the title "school psychologist", protecting school psychologist eligibility for Medicaid reimbursement, preventing statutory regulation of mental health screenings, promoting NCLB growth models, or expanding school based mental health services.
4. States have demonstrated a financial need and have not received a PPI scholarship in the past 5 years.

Scholarship award recipients will be selected by the NASP GPR committee and notified by email by April 16, 2009. Scholarship recipients may be awarded partial or full scholarships.

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

### I. Background Information:

a. Name of State: \_\_\_\_\_

b. State Association President Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Has your state ever participated in a PPI in the past? Circle one:  
YES or NO.

- d. If YES, what year did your state participate and what outcomes were achieved from previous PPI participation?

## **II. Description of Need:**

Please describe your need for financial assistance. (Please provide specific information about your state association operating budget and how this impacts your state's need for financial assistance.)

## **III. State Advocacy Plan:**

Please answer the following questions:

- A. What is the public policy issue that your state is interested in addressing?
- B. What specific activities do you think would help address this issue?
- C. What are your desired outcomes from these activities?
- D. What is your proposed timeline for implementing these activities?
- E. Who (name and role of specific state leader(s)) will be responsible for leading these activities?

#### IV. Terms of Agreement

The awarding of a scholarship would represent NASP's faith in your state association to continue advocacy efforts and use the skills you will obtain at the PPI training to further advance this activity in your state. Our intention is for you to help promote increased outreach and communication to your public officials and to increase awareness throughout NASP membership that advocacy efforts are a professional obligation.

In addition to tracking what benefits this training will provide you and your state, we are asking as a condition of acceptance of any scholarship, that you commit to at least two of the following activities:

- A. Setting up an Advocacy Action Center site (using the NASP website) at your state conference
- B. Enlisting a group of members to join you for a visit to one of your Congressional Representatives or Senators in their local office
- C. Writing an advocacy related article for your state association newsletter or the NASP Communiqué
- D. Volunteering for a two hour shift at the GPR Convention booth at the 2010 NASP Convention (and/or future conventions)
- E. Encouraging your state leaders to apply for technical assistance and/or a GPR State Advocacy Training, and co-facilitate this training with another NASP GPR Committee Member
- F. Other advocacy related activity proposed by you and approved by the NASP GPR committee

In submitting this application, you are affirming that you understand and accept these conditions and your responsibility for promoting advocacy activities including, but not limited to, the activities outlined in this document and your state advocacy plan above. Further, you understand that if granted a scholarship award that this award will be in the form of a "reimbursement of registration fees" only.

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Signature/SP State Association President 2009

Date

**All scholarship applications must be received by March 15, 2009.**

**Please FAX completed forms to Stacy Skalski, NASP Director of Public Policy, at 301-657-0275 or mail to Stacy Skalski, NASP, 4340 East West Highway, Suite 402, Bethesda, MD 20814.**