

**Dr. Karen Hahn Health Ministries Network (THMN)
Scholarship Award for Participation
in the Annual Westberg Symposium or
the Health Ministries Association Conference**

Purpose:

To encourage Texas Faith Community Nurses (FCNs) and Health Ministers (HMs) to attend the annual Westberg Symposium or the Health Ministries Association Conference.

Scholarship Criteria:

Applicants shall:

1. Be a current THMN member
2. Submit a letter requesting reimbursement at least 2 months before the early registration deadline which includes:
 - a. an explanation of why the scholarship is requested,
 - b. a statement of any other sources of financial support for participation in the conference/symposium,
 - c. letter from the faith community leader stating the applicant's contribution to health ministry, and
 - d. the applicant shall agree to submit an article of approximately 400 words about the attended Symposium/Conference for the upcoming THMN newsletter.

Instructions:

- Applicants must submit an original letter and supporting documentation plus two copies to the Scholarship Chair (dorothy.chesley@dshs.texas.gov) *Faxes will not be accepted.*
- Electronic applications will be accepted **ONLY** if all documents are sent as attachments to a single email.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered and will not be returned to the applicant.
- The Scholarship Committee has the authority to decide if one, both, or none of the designated scholarships are awarded in a given calendar year and will inform the membership at the next THMN meeting.
- The deadline for applications is two months before the **early** registration deadline. Awardees will be notified of the scholarship award in writing no later than one month before the early registration deadline.

For Scholarship Committee:

- A scholarship awardee can receive a THMN scholarship for Symposium or Conference attendance one time.
- The scholarship award of \$350 is competitive and limited to four awards per calendar year.
- Preference will be given to persons who have completed additional training to be FCNs/HMs, demonstrated leadership in faith community health outreach and who have served 15 or more unpaid hours a week in health ministry.