**2018 National WIC Association Leadership Conference**

**Scholarship Information & Application**

**Purpose:**

The WWA is offering its members the opportunity to apply for scholarships to the National WIC Association (NWA) annual Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. The WWA will provide at minimum **TWO** $1000.00 scholarships to help cover a portion of the costs for the conference (expenses may accumulate around $1700). There will also be at least two WWA board members attending this conference, so those of us from Wisconsin can connect, and participate together.

The conference will provide a forum to discuss Federal initiatives affecting the health and nutritional well-being of WIC mothers and young children. Also addressed at the conference will be featured sessions about federal and state WIC policy, local WIC leadership, WIC research, WIC food packages, immigrants’ access to WIC, creating strong WIC messages, and other exciting topics. One goal for participants during the conference is to educate Washington policy makers on the role WIC plays, bringing the message from a local perspective, to policy makers.

**The 2018 NWA Leadership Conference takes place March 4th – March 6th.** For complete conference information (including the tentative agenda & hotel info) please see the NWA website [2018 Washington Leadership Conference](https://www.nwica.org/events/info/2018-washington-leadership-conference-copy-1498587228).

**If you are interested, you will need to (please check for agreement):**

 Submit an application which includes an approval signature from your supervisor.

 Include a short statement (250 words or less) supporting your interests in your participation, what you hope to gain from the conference and how your WIC program will benefit from your participation.

 You will need to include receipts for expenses and submit a WWA expense request within 30 days of the conference.

 You agree to be a member of the 2018 Advocacy Committee.

 You agree to attend the full conference and schedule to include completing Hill visits with your Congressional delegation.

The deadline to apply for a scholarship is **Wednesday, December 6th.** Submit completed applications to WWA Chair, Angela Roltgen at roltgena@co.portage.wi.us or fax (715) 345-5760.

**2018 NWA Washington Leadership Conference**

**WWA Scholarship Application**

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WIC Project: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Are you a current WWA member: Yes/No

WIC Project Region: Western Southern Northeastern Northern Milwaukee/Southeastern

Have you attended the NWA Washington Leadership Conference in the past?

Yes/No If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief statement (250 words or less) explaining why you would like to attend the 2018 NWA Leadership Conference and how you could use this experience in your current position:

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***Applicant Signature:*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

***Project Director Signature:*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*