

Michael Cohen Scholarship for Campaign Organizing



Far North Dallas Democrats (FNDD) has established a scholarship in memory of our friend and founding Far North Dallas Democrats club member, Michael Cohen. The scholarship recognizes Michael Cohen's outstanding volunteer political work and leadership in support of local Democratic candidates and principles.

Purpose of Michael Cohen Scholarship

The Michael Cohen Memorial Scholarship reflects FNDD members' conviction that local field and community organizing is fundamental to winning elections. The scholarship recognizes the importance of developing a new generation of skilled campaign professionals that are well trained on the techniques of effective campaign and field management.

The Michael Cohen Scholarship will provide funds to a deserving individual(s) for an approved training class or classes related to campaign organizing. The scholarship recipient must be committed to working on a Democratic locally based campaign.

Scholarship

Provide up to \$1,000 in funds to (an) individual(s) for the purposes of attending a professional political training class^[1] related to campaign management and/or field management. More than one person may be a recipient of scholarship money. Scholarship funds are to be used for one or all of the following activities: course registration, travel and lodging. Applications can be received at any time in the year and are on a rolling timeline.

Process

- § Scholarships will be awarded on a first come first serve basis.
- § The selection process will be conducted by the FNDD Scholarship Committee. The committee will communicate their decision to an applicant within 30 days of receiving a completed application.
- § Funding for an MCS scholarship will be provided directly to a 3rd party. In cases where it may not be practical to provide funding to a 3rd party, an applicant will be reimbursed. The applicant will need to provide a cover letter briefly requesting reimbursement and provide receipts for requested reimbursed activity such as class registration, lodging and transportation.

Scholarship Selection Requirements

- § Two letters of recommendation – at least one from a campaign organization
- § Complete an application that explains how this scholarship will assist them in becoming a better campaign manager and field leader.
- § Priority will be given to applicants working on campaigns in North Dallas area.
- § Priority will be given to applicants from the North Dallas area.
- § Acknowledgement letter by local Dallas area campaign that individual is committed to work on in a local Dallas area campaign for a minimum of three months.

Scholarship Committee

The selection process will be conducted by the FNDD Scholarship Committee (FNDDSC) made up of active FNDD club members. The main duties of committee are: 1) to promote scholarship to public and campaigns; 2) to lead fund raising drive to fund scholarship, 3) to select winning applicant(s);

Funding source for scholarship include but is not limited to: FNDD club contribution, individual contributions and fundraiser(s).

Note funding of the MCS comes out of FNDD general budget and assumes there is sufficient available budget. Funding will depend on the number of scholarships granted and available funds and periodically the MCS may have to be put on hold until funds for the scholarship can be replenished.

[1] For a partial list of approved training classes go to the Texas Democratic Party website, see under resources and training <http://www.txdemocrats.org/resources/training/>.

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Application Steps for Michael Cohen Memorial Scholarship

- Step 1
- Personal Information

Name:

Contact Phone Number:

Address:

Why are you a Democrat?

Two letters of Recommendation (Contact the FNDD Scholarship Committee if you are looking for a local campaign to work with.)

Campaign organization letter

Other letter of recommendation

Step 2

Please describe how you will put this money to furthering your efforts as a campaign manager and field leader. Describe the kind of campaign work you are interested in; how the training will assist you in campaign work; and the value it will provide to a campaign.

Step 3

Where do you propose to work on a campaign (what part of Dallas)?

Where are you now based?

Please provide a letter from the campaign you are proposing to work for stating your commitment to them.

Step 4

Bundle all up in pdf for email to: avp.ace1@gmail.com OR by mailing to Anthony Pace, 14939 Knollview Dr., Dallas TX 75248

Good Luck!