



## Family Leader Scholarship

The role of parents in the healthcare system is as an integral part of process to improve children's healthcare. The scholarship recognizes the input of family leaders who inspire, create or participate in local, regional or national work that improves partnerships consisting of families and healthcare providers resulting in quality healthcare for children in the United States.

### NICHQ Objectives for Parent Involvement:

- Illustrate the value of family/professional partnerships in quality improvement efforts.
- Provide resources and strategies for accomplishing parent partnerships through training and networking opportunities.
- Increase the visibility of parents/patients at each breakout session at the Forum as active participants in the discussions and exchanges among the attendees.
- Assist family leaders to develop new knowledge and skills in quality improvement and identify specific plans to apply their new skills to quality improvement efforts in their communities or regions.
- Link family leaders, quality improvement specialists, and conference participants within states to accelerate adoption of high quality, family-centered care.

**To apply for this opportunity** you must attest to being a parent or family member of a child with special healthcare needs AND that you are committed to attending and actively participating in the Forum. By submitting an application to NICHQ you do so attest to both of these conditions.

The pre-conference Workshops and General Conference will be held **March 8-11, 2010, Atlanta, Georgia**. This scholarship waives the enrollment fee for the Workshops and General Conference, and provides a \$1000 stipend to be used toward travel, lodging, or other Forum expenditures (please see the NICHQ travel policy for complete details).

Please complete and return this scholarship application to Laura Falvey at [lfalvey@nichq.org](mailto:lfalvey@nichq.org) **no later than January 29, 2010**. You will receive a response regarding the outcome of the application review by Friday, February 5, 2010. Upon selection of the scholarship, you will receive information on how to enroll as well as other logistical details. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first served rolling basis, please apply early.

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\*Please type your responses in this document and email this application to Laura Falvey at [LFalvey@nichq.org](mailto:LFalvey@nichq.org)

1. Why do you think you would make a good Family Leader at the Forum?
2. In what ways would you be able to (help) institute change in the healthcare system as a result of your participation in this Forum?
3. Do you already have a role as a parent partner/participant in a healthcare system -- e.g. member of family advisory committee, or parent support group leader?
4. Would you feel comfortable working with your child's primary care or specialist's office to try new ideas for improving the quality of care provided?
5. Do you have any experience with quality improvement methods or methodology? (*This is NOT a requirement of receiving a scholarship to be a Parent Leader*).
6. How did you hear about this opportunity to be a Parent Leader at NICHQ's Forum for Improving Children's Healthcare?

Applications must be submitted by **January 29, 2010** to:

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