

NATIONAL DEFENDER INVESTIGATOR ASSOCIATION

GARY KULA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS



The National Defender Investigator Association (NDIA) is committed to providing quality educational opportunities to criminal defense investigators, paralegals, and mitigation specialists. In furtherance of that goal, NDIA will provide **GARY KULA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS** (formerly Area Director Scholarships) to both National and Regional conferences. NDIA is accepting applications to its 2020 conferences. The application deadline for the 2020 National Conference is March 23, 2020, and the application deadline for the 2020 Regional Conference is August 15, 2020.

What is the GARY KULA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP?

NDIA has named the Gary Kula Educational Scholarship in honor of Gary Kula, Executive Director of the City of Phoenix Public Defender Office, who has devoted much of his career to his passion for providing educational training to investigators, attorneys, and other professionals in the criminal defense community. Due to his generosity over the past ten years, NDIA has been able to award a least two (2) Gary Kula Educational Scholarships per region every year for a total of eight (8) scholarships each year (Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, and West). NDIA also reserves the right to add an additional award as the NDIA determines feasible. Additional scholarships awarded per region are at the discretion of the President. **The scholarship covers the Conference Registration Fee ONLY, and does not include the cost of travel or hotel accommodations.**

Who is eligible to apply for the GARY KULA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP?

Any current member in good standing can apply. A qualified applicant is one who has met the criteria for membership and whose dues are paid in full prior the start of the conference. Applicants can only apply for one (1) scholarship per year.

Criteria and Application Guidelines:

- Applicants must certify that they have pursued other funding options and can only attend the conference with the assistance of a scholarship.
- Area Directors review the applications within the Region where the applicants are located. Area Directors will then make recommendations to the President.
- Applicants must provide a letter with the application stating why he/she wants to attend the conference, and how they will benefit from the conference.
- Applicants must certify that they plan to attend the conference training, in its entirety.
- Applicant **MUST** be a member for at least 15 months prior to the conference they are applying for, with no lapse in membership dues during that time.

Please contact your Area Director for any additional information. Contact information of Area Directors is located at www.ndia.net or reach out to our Executive Director, JanMarie O'Connell, at 760-290-3909 or nationaldefender@gmail.com

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APPLICATION FORM

Name of Applicant: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Date: _____

NDIA Member ID: _____

Member in Good Standing? Yes No

Previously Received a Conference Scholarship? Yes No

If Yes, List Conference(s) and Date(s): _____

The Application and Explanatory Letter must be sent via email or postmarked (email and mailing addresses listed below) by the application deadline date shown above.

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All Applicants will be notified by their Area Director, or the Executive Director, by email and through a follow-up telephone call.

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