**APA Division 45 Student Travel Award Information**

**What is the APA Division 45 Student Travel Award?**

Scholarships of $500 will be awarded to five (5) students to assist registration and housing costs. These scholarships are intended to increase Division 45 student member participation at the 2013 APA Convention.

**Who is Eligible?**

All undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled in a psychology-related program are eligible to apply for this award.  Applicants must be current student members of APA Division 45. Consideration will be given to those students who demonstrate the following:

* Leadership experience
* Conference, Presentations, and Symposiums
* Publications
* Public Service and Community Activities
* Awards and Scholarships

**How do I apply?**

Students must complete and submit the application form by May 31, 2013 at 11:59pm EST. Application materials (application form, cover letter and CV) should be submitted electronically to [div45travelawards@gmail.com](mailto:div45travelawards@gmail.com). Please have the author of your letter of reference email the faculty recommendation form and ratings sheet to [div45travelawards@gmail.com](mailto:div45travelawards@gmail.com).

**What are the application requirements?**

Interested students will need to submit an application that includes the following:

1. **Cover Letter**

A cover letter which provides contact information for the applicant and describes the student’s professional goals, the presentation(s) he or she will be making at the conference and how attending the conference will help enhance their professional development and contribution towards the research and practice of ethnic minority psychology. How attending the conference will benefit the student, and his or her financial need for the award, including a description of other travel funds available to the student.

1. **Letter of Reference**

A letter of reference from the student’s advisor or faculty mentor who can verify enrollment, provide a general reference about the nominee, and the nominee’s commitment and potential for advancing ethnic minority issues. The person writing the letter of reference should email the letter to: [div45travelawards@gmail.com](mailto:div45travelawards@gmail.com) and list the applicant’s first and last name in the subject line of the email.

1. **Current CV**
2. **Application Form**

**How is my application evaluated?**

Application materials will be evaluated by a committee (comprised of the student representative and other Division 45 Executive Committee members) based on merit of application letter and students overall potential to advancing the psychology of ethnic minority communities.

**How will I be notified?**

Applicants will be notified via email regarding status of their application.

**What are the conditions of award recipients?**

Accepting the travel award commits the students to attending the entire 2013 APA Convention. The Award will be based on following commitment by each awardee:

* Awardee will attend at least 3 presentations or events sponsored by Division 45.
* Awardee will write a synopsis (1 page) of the presentations/events; two submissions will be selected for publication in FOCUS, newsletter of Division 45.
* Awardee will attend the Division 45 student social and receive recognition at the event.