

The GSR "Buddy Scholarship Program"

The District is aware that small or new groups that have GSR representation at District 16 meetings may not be able to afford to send their representatives to Area Assemblies. District 16, when it has the funds, may provide funding for those GSR's to attend Area Assemblies, thereby strengthening the District's representation at assemblies and providing GSR's greater exposure to AA general service. Therefore, District 16 has created a "Buddy Scholarship Program," which shall operate as follows:

- Two (2) business meetings before every Area Assembly the Treasurer shall announce how much money is available for the Buddy Scholarship Program.
- District 16 can fund up to four (4) GSR's per Area Assembly, funds permitting.
- To apply for the scholarship, a GSR must complete the GSR Buddy Scholarship Program Application and deliver it to the DCM by the end of the District meeting at least two (2) months prior to the Area Assembly that the GSR would like to attend.
- The DCM and three Local DCM's will review the Buddy Scholarship applications prior to the District meeting before the next assembly, and award the scholarships to the most eligible GSR's. Applicants with little or no Area Assembly experience and whose group cannot afford to send their GSR shall be favored.
- In the event that the number of qualified applicants exceeds scholarship funds available, the names will be drawn from a hat and those not selected will be awarded the scholarship for the next assembly, if they are able to attend.
- Funding:
 - 1.) Total funds expended by District 16 shall not exceed 30% of available district funds, per Area Assembly ("available district funds" = current checking balance, minus allocated funds, minus prudent reserve);
 - 2.) Total program expenses shall not exceed \$700 (\$175 per GSR), per Area Assembly;
 - 3.) At the applicant's discretion, estimated funds may be issued in advance of the assembly, or the GSR may choose reimbursement of actual expenses after the assembly;
 - 4.) To maximize funds, each successful applicant will be expected to share a hotel room and travel expenses with either another successful Buddy Scholarship applicant, or any other GSR;
 - 5.) Scholarship funds shall only be used for lodging, gas/travel, and reasonable assembly expenses;
 - 6.) All successful applicants shall make every attempt to minimize their expenses, and any unused funds shall be returned to District 16.

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For Oregon Area Assembly in the upcoming month of _____, 20____

- Have you received a scholarship in the past (12) months? _____
- Does your group fund any part of your travel expense to assembly? _____
- If yes how much? _____
- Have you ever attended an Oregon Area assembly? _____

GSR Name: _____ Phone: _____

Group: _____