

District 16

“Buddy Share Scholarship Program”

The District is aware that small or new groups may not be able to afford to send their GSR to Area Assemblies. For that purpose District 16 shall, when it has the available funds, provide partial funding for the GSR to attend Area Assemblies. This **“Buddy Share Scholarship Program”** was created to provide greater exposure to AA general service structure and allow the GSR to represent their group with their vote. Therefore, District 16 has created a **“Buddy Share Scholarship Program”** which shall operate as follows:

- ❑ Two (2) General Service Business Meeting prior to every Area Assembly, the Treasurer shall announce how much money is available for the **“Buddy Share Scholarship Program”**
- ❑ District 16 shall budget the **“Buddy Share Scholarship Program”** for up to four (4) GSR per Area Assembly, funds permitting
- ❑ To apply for the **“Buddy Share Scholarship Program”**, a GSR must complete the **“Buddy Share Scholarship Program”** Application and deliver it to the LDCM or DCM by the end of the District meeting at least one (1) month prior to the Area Assembly the GSR would like to attend
- ❑ The LDCM and DCM will review the **“Buddy Share Scholarship Program”** applications prior to the District meeting before the next Area Assembly.
- ❑ Award of the **“Buddy Share Scholarship”** will be based on to the most eligible GSR Applicant
- ❑ Qualifications may include but shall not be limited to:
 - ❑ GSR with little or no Area Assembly experience
 - ❑ Group ability to provide funding
 - ❑ Willingness to share expenses i.e., carpooling, share lodging, gas and travel expenses
- ❑ In the event that the number of qualified applicants exceeds the **“Buddy Share Scholarship Program”** funds available, the names will be drawn from a hat and those not selected will be awarded the scholarship for the next Area Assembly, if they were not able to find other avenues
 - ❑ If other avenues were secured and the applicant was able to attend the assembly, that GSR will have their name removed from the list for the next Area Assembly

Funding for the “Buddy Share Scholarship Program”

- ❑ *Total funds expended by District 16 shall not exceed 30% of available district funds, per Area Assembly guidelines*
 - ❑ *“Available District Funds” are calculated by: current checking balance, minus allocated funds, minus prudent reserve funds*
 - ❑ *Total “Buddy Share Scholarship Program” expenses shall not exceed \$700 or \$175 per GSR, per Area Assembly*
- ❑ *In order to maximize funds, each successful applicant will be expected to share a hotel room and travel expenses with either another successful “Buddy Share Scholarship” applicant, or any other GSR or District member traveling to the Area Assembly*
- ❑ *At the applicant’s discretion, estimated funds may be issued in advance of the Area Assembly, or the GSR may choose reimbursement of actual expense after the Area Assembly*
- ❑ *“Buddy Share Scholarship” funds shall only be used for lodging, gas/travel and reasonable Area Assembly expenses*
- ❑ *All successful applicants shall make every attempt to minimize their expenses and any unused funds shall be returned to the District 16 Treasurer by the next District 16 Business meeting or sooner, if possible*

GSR Buddy Share Scholarship Program Application

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

- *Have you secured from your group any part or your travel expenses to the Area Assembly you are requesting funds for?*

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, how much? _____

- *Have you ever attended an Oregon Area Assembly? Yes _____ No _____*

- *Have you received a Buddy Share Scholarship in the past twelve (12) months?*

Yes _____ No _____

GSR Name: _____ Phone: _____

Group Name: _____

