

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

2024 CONVENTION REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2025

REPORT: The Scholarship Committee received nineteen requests for financial assistance for the 2024 convention. All 19 were approved.

The approvals were as follows:

16 for Package A

3 for Package B

3 for Package C (same women from Package B)

11 hotel nights (1/4 of a Garden Room per night)

The total amount of sponsorships awarded was \$4,794.75.

The Scholarship Application form and Guidelines were included in the "Call to Convention" packet and were available on the DCCW website. In addition, a reminder memo was sent to all Affiliate presidents and Deanery presidents on February 12th, reminding them to promote the Scholarship program.

Due to the number of applicants and to assure adequate funds, a decision was made jointly between the Scholarship and Finance Committees to limit the hotel award to ¼ of a Garden Room. In previous years, the hotel assistance was for ½ of a hotel room.

Chairing the Scholarship Committee has been a rewarding experience for both of us. Once a new Chair is named, we will pass along forms and other information.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2025 CONVENTION: It is important to assure that funds are available for those needing assistance; but it is equally important to be fiscally responsible when disbursing funds.

Due to the increased costs for attending the convention and the increased number of applicants, the Scholarship Committee recommends that an ad hoc committee be formed to review current guidelines and procedures with the goal of determining if changes need to be made for 2025 and beyond. The outgoing Chairs will be happy to share our thoughts with the ad hoc committee.

Kathy Fazio, Chair

Mary LeBaron, Co-Chair

