

## **FXAM Conference Scholarships for the NFXF International Conferences**

Conference scholarships will only be open to FXAM members. How do you know if you're a FXAM member? Contact Mary Beth Langan, FXAM Corresponding Secretary, if you are unsure (<mailto:mblangan@hotmail.com>).

While membership is FREE, we need a membership form completed so we have some details on who is a part of FXAM. You have to live in Michigan or be an Ontario family who lives close enough to be active. We need your info to help us know who we are serving. We need to know more about your family in case new families in your area need a close connection. Near or far in Michigan, we try to make sure FXAM families know they are not alone on their Fragile X journey via our support meetings, events, quarterly newsletters and FXAM Facebook page.

To apply for the 2026 FXAM Conference Scholarship, in addition to being a FXAM member, we will be requiring that scholarship recipients be active members in our group. What does that mean exactly? Being active could look completely different for each family, so we are providing a list of ways that you can remain active in our FXAM community. Moving forward, in order to qualify for a conference scholarship, you will need to fulfill at least one of the following:

- 1) Volunteered at a FXAM fundraiser or event in the two years since the previous conference.
- 2) Held a fundraiser in the two years since the previous conference where the proceeds were donated to FXAM (virtual, Facebook, lemonade stand, garage sale, etc).
- 3) Attended a minimum of 4 support group meetings, which are available virtually or in-person, in the two years since the previous conference.

In addition to these requirements, we will also ask for scholarship recipients to share with the group something about your conference experience in the newsletter following the conference (the October edition). This could be an article written about your experience, notes on something you learned, or photos from the conference. This is so that all FXAM members can share in your experience!

We hope you'll take this next year to become an active member of our FXAM community if you're not already. The 2026 Conference will be in Louisville, Kentucky, July 16-19<sup>th</sup>.