

SMDEP National Program Office Launches the 2011 SMDEP Travel Scholarships

The SMDEP National Program Office (NPO) is pleased to announce the availability of Travel Scholarships for students accepted to a SMDEP Program Site. These scholarships are made available through a generous grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to support travel to and from the SMDEP Site for students with financial needs that may prevent participation in the program. A number of the SMDEP Program Sites allocate travel funds to partially support travel. These scholarships will cover all travel costs or supplement additional travel costs not covered by the program site for students with demonstrated financial need. The scholarship awards may be up to, but not exceed \$500.00.

The process for the scholarship is:

1. Once the student has confirmed at an SMDEP Site and received notice of the amount of travel support from the program site administration, the student will go to the online application at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2011smdeptravelscholarshipapplication>. **This application link will not be available until after February 15, 2011**, which is the first acceptance notification date.
2. The student will complete all of the online application and then send supporting documentation electronically to Dr. David Brunson at: brunsond@adea.org. This documentation must support the need of for the travel scholarship. It should include:
 - a. FAFSA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 - b. Airline travel itinerary cost
 - c. Driving mileage multiplied by 0.505/mile
 - d. Any other documentation that will demonstrate financial need
3. After receipt of the application and all of the supporting documentation, a decision will be made and sent by email to the student. The student will then indicate by return email the address that the check for the scholarship funds should be sent.
4. The check will be sent to the address that the student indicated within one week to 10 days of the return email message.
5. The student will then use the travel scholarship funds for traveling to and from the site.
6. **Receipts for all travel expenses must be sent to Dr. Brunson no later than 2 weeks after the end of the SMDEP Program.**

If there are any questions, please contact Dr. David Brunson at brunsond@adea.org or

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The SMDEP NPO is very happy that the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is not only supporting the SMDEP Program, but also supports travel to and from the SMDEP Site for individuals who need financial support.