



Government Affairs Committee
Arts Advocacy Day Scholarship
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Purpose of the *Arts Advocacy Day Scholarship*:

1. To offer financial assistance to one student and one professional or retired ADTA member to attend the Americans for the Arts - Arts Advocacy Day in Washington D.C.
2. To increase education and awareness of the importance of arts advocacy in general and the importance of advocacy for Dance/Movement Therapy within public policy at a national, state, and local level.
3. To build a strong foundation of trained advocates in the ADTA to give a voice to the importance of Dance/Movement Therapy, Creative Arts Therapies, and the Arts in general within our schools, healthcare practices, and communities.

The ADTA Government Affairs Committee works to:

1. Represent the American Dance Therapy Association in government through oral and written testimony and statements of information, advocating for the standards of practices set by the American Dance Therapy Association
2. Promote the profession of dance/movement therapy through advocacy efforts
3. Disseminate information to the American Dance Therapy Association members regarding federal legislation that affects the Dance/Movement Therapists and populations served by Dance/Movement Therapists
4. Provide as much accurate and current information as possible on proposed legislation and current regulations in individual states that affect mental health professions, including the practice of dance/movement therapy
5. Answer individual members' questions, and provides assistance and resources when possible

Application Information and Eligibility:

The ADTA Government Affairs Committee will award (2) Arts Advocacy Day Scholarships on an annual basis. When possible, (1) scholarship will be awarded to a student and (1) scholarship will be awarded to a current professional or retired member of the ADTA. Each Arts Advocacy Day Scholarship recipient will be reimbursed for registration, travel, lodging and/or meal expenses up to \$500. Qualifying expenses (up to \$500.00) will be reimbursed upon completion of post-Arts Advocacy Day project.

The student Arts Advocacy Day Scholarship will be granted to a current Master's level Dance/Movement Therapy student in an ADTA-approved graduate program or current Alternate Route student. The professional ADTA member scholarship will be awarded to a current professional or retired member of the American Dance Therapy Association. Members of the American Dance Therapy Association Board of Directors are **not eligible**; however, active

members of the Government Affairs Committee are eligible. Previous awardees of the Arts Advocacy Day Scholarship are **not eligible** to apply.

All applicants must 1) express an interest in advocating for Dance/Movement Therapy within a public policy forum, and 2) demonstrate current active involvement in advocating for Dance/Movement Therapy, the American Dance Therapy Association and/or local/regional Chapters of the American Dance Therapy Association.

Applicants who are not selected are strongly encouraged to re-apply for the next year's Arts Advocacy Day Scholarship.

The Application Process:

The application process is intended to be user-friendly and informal.

The Review Process:

All applications will undergo a Blind Review. A Blind Review consists of the reviewers not having knowledge of the specific applicant's name. The content of all applications will remain confidential. Only the applicant may choose to share their application after the award is announced.

Arts Advocacy Day Project:

The recipient of the Arts Advocacy Scholarship will complete a post-Arts Advocacy Day service for the ADTA community. The recipient can choose from the following list or propose a project.

1. Submit a written summary of her/his experience of Arts Advocacy Day to be published in the ADTA newsletter and/or ADTA Blog.
2. Develop an educational webinar focusing on and highlighting the importance and methods of advocating for dance/movement therapy and the arts.
3. Create a fact sheet connecting DMT and the issues raised at Arts Advocacy Day to submit to congressional members.
4. Follow up with congressional members in your home state.
5. Present to a local chapter on the benefits of advocacy.
6. Assist ADTA Government Affairs Committee with one special project.
7. Assist Government Affairs Committee Chair of a local ADTA chapter with one special project.

The Government Affairs' Arts Advocacy Day Scholarship Review Committee:

The Arts Advocacy Day Scholarship Review Committee will consist of the Government Affairs Chairperson and two other active members of the American Dance Therapy Association.



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Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Cell Number: _____ **ADTA BC-DMT / R-DMT Number:** _____

Master’s Level Dance/Movement Therapy Program enrolled in (if applicable):

Please initial all that apply:

_____ I have never attended an Arts Advocacy Day through the ADTA Government Affairs Committee Arts Advocacy Day Scholarship.

_____ I am a current professional or retired member of the American Dance Therapy Association.

_____ I am currently enrolled in a Master’s level Dance/Movement Therapy Program in an ADTA-approved program.

_____ I am currently an Alternative Route student.

_____ If I am chosen for the ADTA Government Affairs Committee Arts Advocacy Day Scholarship I commit to attend. If the cost is greater than \$500, I will be able to fund the remaining costs.

_____ I agree to complete the post-Arts Advocacy Day submission requirement.

_____ I agree to meet with Government Affairs Committee Chair on March 3rd, 2017 (pm) for a briefing on ADTA’s role during Arts Advocacy Day.

Submit a response of 750-1000 words to the following questions:

- (1) What makes a great advocate?
- (2) Describe a time when you advocated for someone or some cause? Were you successful in your efforts?
- (3) What do you hope to gain from your experience at Arts Advocacy Day?
- (4) What advocacy project will you commit to do for Dance/Movement Therapy and/or the American Dance Therapy Association?

Possible Projects:

- Submit a written summary of her/his experience of Arts Advocacy Day in Washington DC to be published in the ADTA newsletter and/or ADTA Blog.
- Develop an educational webinar focusing on and highlighting the importance and methods of advocating for dance/movement therapy and the arts.
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All Arts Advocacy Day *applications must be submitted electronically* to info@ADTA.org by *midnight (PST), November 25th, 2018.*

The award recipient(s) will be notified by Sunday, December 9th, 2018.

Please contact the Government Affairs Committee Arts Advocacy Day Scholarship review committee with any questions. Contact information can be found on (www.adta.org).

THANK YOU for your interest in the ADTA Government Affairs Committee Arts Advocacy Day Scholarship. We appreciate your time and effort in completing your application. We look forward to hearing about your day on the Hill!

For more information about the Government Affairs Committee, please see the ADTA website (www.adta.org)