Scholarship Application for Community Development Institute, 2016

Deadline for Receipt of Application: May 31, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

Directions: Responses should be typed in this document. There is no page limitation, but please make responses brief and to the point. Email your completed application to the Grants and Scholarship Committee Chair:

Pam Alexander, President
HarnessPoint Community Solutions
Email: pam@harnesspoint.com

When your application is received, you will receive a confirmation of receipt via email.

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**ACDS Member Since:**
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Please briefly address these topics:

1. Why do you want to attend CDI?

2. Describe your organization and the role you currently play in community development.

3. How will you share with others what you learn at CDI?

4. Provide an example of a community development project you participated in or would like to implement which you feel would benefit from someone who has attended CDI training.

5. Explain the professional/financial burden that might otherwise keep you from registering for CDI, 2016.

6. How will you finance the additional costs of attendance? Do you require assistance with your lodging expenses?

7. Have you received a scholarship to attend CDI in the past? If so, name the source(s). If you are applying for Year One, have you received any scholarship funds to date which will be applied to your cost of attending CDI?

8. Tell us what else you think we should know about you that makes you an exceptional candidate for this scholarship.
Your application will be scored based on the following criteria:

- demonstrates an understanding of community development and its significance;
- demonstrates merit and need for financial assistance;
- demonstrates opportunity to apply what is learned at CDI into work in their community on a regular and sustaining basis;
- reasons for wanting to attend CDI are clear and relevant to CDI objectives;
- the organization and role in the community appear consistent with community development principles of good practice (see below).

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Community Development Principles of Good Practice
as Adopted by the Community Development Society (CDS)

- Promote active and representative participation toward enabling all community members to meaningfully influence the decisions that affect their lives.
- Engage community members in learning about and understanding community issues, and the economic, social, environmental, political, psychological, and other impacts associated with alternative courses of action.
- Incorporate the diverse interests and cultures of the community in the community development process; and disengage from support of any effort that is likely to adversely affect the disadvantaged members of a community.
- Work actively to enhance the leadership capacity of community members, leaders, and groups within the community.
- Be open to using the full range of action strategies to work toward the long-term sustainability and well-being of the community.