



2016 Quinquennial Scholarship Fund

Dear Secular Franciscan Brothers and Sisters,
It is a great joy that the Quinquennial scholarship information is available now! How wonderful it will be to “meet you in St. Louis” for the Q!

For those who need financial help to attend the Quinquennial, consider NAFRA’s scholarship fund. The scholarship application must be completed and sent to our National Treasurer before the deadline due date of March 31. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

The scholarship fund application, Q registration form, and hotel information are available on the NAFRA website at <http://www.quinquennial.org/>

The fund provides full and partial scholarships to the 2016 Quinquennial for professed and/or candidates of a fraternity who would otherwise be unable to attend. The money for these scholarships comes from the Restricted Funds for National Events and Regional Needs Fund (originally set up from a bequest received in 2011). Up to \$10,000 has been approved by the NEC for this purpose. Requests for assistance from this fund should be made to the National Treasurer, Jerry Rousseau, OFS. All requests must be made using the application form. Information will be kept confidential.

Ideally, the local fraternity or regional fraternity should also provide assistance for their members to attend. That is one of the inherent purposes of the “Common Fund” which should exist in every local fraternity.

Applicants should present the form to their local minister/leader for verification that a true need exists and that no other source of revenue is available for use by the applicant. Please note: scholarship funds can be used only for registration costs and not to defray travel or other expenses.

Once approval has been obtained, the applicant will submit the registration form with a notation either that a full scholarship has been awarded or that payment for the difference of registration costs minus the approved scholarship amount is enclosed; *e.g.*, the cost of registration \$320(a), minus approved scholarship amount of \$120(b), equals payment of \$200(c).

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Applicants must also have made hotel reservations and have a room confirmed (or have secured other accommodations).

No requests for scholarships will be accepted after the application deadline, **March 31, 2016**.

We pray that these funds will allow more of our brothers and sisters to attend the 2016 “Q” and serve as a blessing to all of us.

Peace and all good,
Your NEC and “Q” Committee Members