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WabiSabi MAD Scholarship Fund

History:

Since 2003, the "Make-A-Difference in Moab," or "MAD" fund has allowed local nonprofit organizations to complete over 100 creative projects that have strengthened the Moab community. Last year, we expanded the MAD fund to include scholarships for nonprofit professionals serving in the Moab area! Due to the highly positive reception to & demand for these scholarships, we are happy to announce a renewal of the scholarship fund for 2020.

Purpose:

WabiSabi recognizes that living in Moab can make it difficult to attend a variety of workshops and trainings available in larger cities. By investing in the skills and competencies of staff members and volunteer leadership, these scholarships will develop skills and build organizational capacity.

This fund is intended to support professional seminars and training opportunities not covered by existing operating budgets. Trainings can vary from one-day, skill-building courses to multi-day, career-enhancing seminars. Associated costs, such as travel, lodging, fuel, and meals, are allowable expenditures. **Please see FAQ for additional information.**

Deadlines:

- **MAD Rolling Deadline Scholarships:**
 - Up to \$300 per event per organization to attend nonprofit relevant local trainings **or** conferences requiring travel/not available in Moab. Scholarships are available on a rolling basis (**starting February 3rd**) until funds are depleted (\$4,000)!
- **MAD Impact Scholar of the Year**
 - WabiSabi will award up to \$1,000 for one nonprofit to send a representative or multiple representatives to a highly impactful training anywhere in the country. **Applications can be submitted starting June 15th and are due August 14th.**

FAQ

What kinds of events can I receive funding for?

Any event, workshop, conference or training that helps your organization carry out its mission and support the Moab community. Online course and webinars are also acceptable.

What can the funds be used for?

Registration/tuition fees; travel and lodging costs including meals.

What can the funds NOT be used for?

Purchasing supplies, the employee or volunteers time, for-credit classes as a part of a continuing degree, and anything that does not fall into any of the categories outlined above.

Can more than one representative of an organization apply?

You can request funding for multiple members of your organization to attend one training, but please do this in ONE application. The total ask for **per organization per training** must be no more than \$300.

How soon will I receive the funds?

Local training scholarships will be decided within a week. Decisions on scholarships that require travel will take up to two weeks and check disbursement can take up to an additional week, so please plan accordingly. The Scholar of the Year will be determined within one month of the application due date.

When do the funds have to be used?

The application period for MAD Scholarships is February 3rd through December 31st. Trainings/ event dates must fall between February 3rd 2020 and February 5th 2021.

Can I apply for reimbursement if I have already attended a training or event?

At this time we are only able to offer funds before the event in question and ask that you plan accordingly!

How many times can I apply in a year?

There is no limit to the number of times an organization can apply. However, if funds become limited, WabiSabi reserves the right to prioritize first-time applicants and events that will have the greatest impact on the Moab community.

Do I have to be affiliated with an organization?

Yes. This fund can be used for staff, volunteers, and/ or board members, but must directly support the nonprofit's mission.

What if the event is canceled or I can't make it?

Please return any unused funds. If the event is nonrefundable, please contact us.

2020-2021 MAD Scholarship Application

Note: this is a “common application” for both the rolling deadline scholarships and the MAD Impact Scholarship. Applicants wishing to attend local workshops and trainings are only required to fill out the first section of the application. Please indicate which type of scholarship you are applying for. **All applications must include the signature of your organization’s Executive Director on page 5 of this packet.**

- Rolling Deadline: Local trainings or conferences.** These applications should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event, as decisions can take up to one work week.
 - Complete Section A only
 - Report required upon completion of training, including receipts

- Rolling Deadline: Out-of-area training/event.** Decisions on scholarships that require travel will take up to two weeks and check disbursement can take up to an additional week, so please plan accordingly!
 - Complete Sections A & B
 - Report required upon completion of training, including all receipts

- Impact Scholar of the Year (Application period opens June 15th, due August 14th)**
 - Complete Sections A, B & C
 - Report required upon completion of training including all receipts
 - Additional follow-up report required six months after training

Section A.

Name of Organization	
Name of person/people applying	
Total \$ Requested	
Location of training or event:	
Date of training or event	
Cost of training/event (registration/attendance cost only)	
What is the name of the training or event?	

Who is organizing this training or event?	
Who is presenting (if different)?	
Total length (e.g. 1 hr, multiple 8-hour days, etc.)	
How often is this event offered? Does the location change?	
Has anyone from your organization attended this event before?	
Would your organization be able to attend this without scholarship assistance?	
To the best of your knowledge, has Moab offered any similar trainings/events?	

This training will increase my organization's mission-related impact on the Moab Community. This box must be checked for consideration.

Please explain in 200 words or less how this training will enable you to increase the mission-driven impact of your organization on the Moab community.	
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Section B.

Please give a detailed description for each row. For rolling deadline applications, total request from WabiSabi must not be more than \$300. For Impact Scholar applications, total must not be more than \$1,000.

	Description	Total Cost	Amount Requested from WabiSabi:
Cost of Admission:			
Cost of Travel:			
Cost of Lodging:			
Other Costs:			
TOTAL			

Section C. (for Impact Scholars only)

Please attach the following materials:

- Detailed budget breakdown**
- Letter of introduction:** please tell us about yourself, your organization, and explain your interest in this particular training and explain how it will help your organization fulfill its mission in Moab.
- Letter of support:** please provide at least one letter of support from a member of a local nonprofit (director, board member, etc). Letters should clearly indicate how the opportunity will support the organization. It should convey enthusiasm for the training and lend credibility to your work!

Attach any relevant materials that further explain the training: flyers, letters, etc.

Signature of Trainee: _____

Signature of Executive Director (if different): _____

Date _____

Please submit application to megan@wabisabimoab.org

Report Guidelines:

A short report must be submitted **within one month** of the completion of your training. This will help us gather valuable information so that we can continue to improve our scholarship application process!

1. Please give a short summary of your experience.
2. Please explain how this training will allow your organization to better serve the Moab community in the future.

a. How impactful would you rate this training on your organization on a scale 1-5?

1 2 3 4 5

3. Would you recommend this training to other organizations in the community? Are there specific organizations that you think might benefit from this training? If so, which ones, and why?
4. If the scholarship did not cover all of your costs, what amount did your organization cover? (Please include any relevant costs: this will help us in determining future scholarship amounts).

a. If you had not been awarded this scholarship, would you have been able to attend this training? (Please circle one):

YES NO OTHER (explain): _____

Please submit all receipts and a summary of the final costs. If you did not use all of the funds, they must be returned to WabiSabi.

For Impact Scholars, an additional report will be required **after 6 months** detailing how the training has been implemented at the host organization, and how your organization has benefited.