

## **AEDP Diversity Scholarship Essay Application**

Thank you for your interest in pursuing AEDP training. To apply, please write a brief essay using the following guideline to support your application for a scholarship to this course.

1. Please let us know the course for which you are applying.
2. Please tell us about yourself. We're interested in your cultural/ethnic background, current life situation, previous education and training.
3. Tell us about the community in which you practice.
4. How did you discover AEDP (workshop, book, therapy, etc.)?
5. What draws/drew you to AEDP?
6. What impact has AEDP had on your practice and/or life?
7. How do you believe receiving more AEDP training will benefit your practice and your community?
8. (optional) How do you see yourself being a leader in AEDP in future years...especially in helping yourself and us to expand AEDP to diverse communities?
9. As you process your request, please let us know how much scholarship assistance you need and why. The possibilities are: 25%, 50%, and 75%. As everyone's needs, and situations are different, it's useful for us to have this information as well. The aim of our scholarship initiative is to help those therapists who otherwise would be unable to take AEDP training.
10. (optional) If you receive a Diversity Scholarship, are you interested in being part of the AEDP Diversity Initiative? We have several projects that are designed to cultivate more diversity in the AEDP community. We encourage the recipients of DSs to be part of us and contribute their knowledge, skills, and passion towards helping others from diverse backgrounds learn and utilize AEDP.
11. In your application, please include your full name, degree, address and reachable phone number (please specify if this is an international number).

We have limited slots for scholarships at this time. We encourage you to honestly check in with yourself and ask: can I take this AEDP training without scholarship assistance, or, will I be unable take this training without it?

Here's an example: a former Diversity Scholarship recipient was an immigrant in the US, attended a university by taking out huge student loans, started to work as a social worker at a

local not-for-profit agency where she serves immigrant populations, lives alone, and does not have any financial support from her family.

Thank you so much - please email your essay to [aedp.dscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:aedp.dscholarship@gmail.com)

Very kindly yours,

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