
SOAR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

"Recognizing MPI Canada members who go above and beyond"

Overview

The primary focus of the MPI Foundation is to support both MPI membership and the meetings industry-at-large by creating professional development opportunities through scholarships and grants in partnership with industry corporate contributors. Also important is recognizing the efforts and contributions of volunteers who make MPI the leading industry association in Canada. Meetings + Incentive Travel, a long standing supporter of the Canadian meeting industry, has joined MPI Foundation Canada to create the SOAR Scholarship program, which identifies excellence in volunteerism.

SOAR Scholarship Program

The purpose of the SOAR Scholarship Program is to recognize an individual MPI Canada Chapter member who has demonstrated exceptional volunteerism to their MPI community.

One MPI volunteer member will receive a SOAR Scholarship for each of the eight MPI Canada Chapters, on an annual basis. Scholarship recipients will be selected by local chapter boards. Scholarship criteria will be developed by MPI Foundation, and administered by MPI Canada Chapters.

Candidates are chapter members in good standing. Criteria includes: chapter volunteer contributions, leadership, commitment and dedication. See selection criteria below. The individual recipient will receive a framed certificate and a \$500 CDN scholarship to be used for MPI programs and services: i.e. Membership, CMP Program Support, CMM Program Registration, WEC registration, and Chapter Education Programs. Scholarship recipients will be announced to their respective chapters, and if appropriate at the Annual Chapter Awards programs. Recipients agree to provide a written article, and/or video on the importance of volunteerism and encouraging fellow members to do the same.

For further information regarding the SOAR Scholarship Program, please contact:
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SOAR Scholarship Program Presented by Meetings + Incentive Travel

Selection Criteria

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Scholarship recipients will be selected by local chapter boards. Scholarship selection administered by MPI Canada Chapters - Board of Directors, based on the following criteria:

- candidates are MPI members in good standing and active in supporting their chapter
- passionate about their chapter
- contributions made as a result of their volunteerism
- commitment, and
- reliability.

Scholarship Information

The individual scholarship recipient will receive a framed certificate, along with a \$500 CAD scholarship to be used for MPI programs and activities, including:

- Membership
- CMP Program Registration, CMP Chapter Study Group or CMP Toolkit
- WEC registration
- Chapter Educational Programming
- CMM Program Registration

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Recipients agree to provide a written article, and/or video on the importance of volunteerism and encouraging fellow members to do the same.

Recipients shall be chosen, submitted to MPI Foundation and presented to their Chapter no later than June 30th of each year to coincide with the fiscal year of the Chapter. Changes to the timeline by a Chapter are subject to approval by MPI Foundation.