



CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

AN INVITATION TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

OCAPS is committed to supporting and enhancing a strong APS response to allegations of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults age 60+ living in the community. Our mission: Maximizing protection and dignity of older adults through collaboration, education, and advocacy. Our vision is an Ohio free of older adult abuse, neglect, and exploitation. One of our major accomplishments is an excellent annual conference to bring Adult Protective Service (APS) professionals across Ohio and allied professionals together to learn from national experts and local leaders about new innovations in practice and successful collaborations through a day of plenary sessions and workshops. Mandated reporters have an opportunity to learn, collaborate with colleagues and build networks. A central goal is to encourage networking and closer collaboration between mandated reporters, including First Responders, with allied professionals and APS staff.

The Scholarship Fund: OCAPS decided in 2023 that a scholarship fund directed to mandated reporters will make a significant difference in combatting the troubling underreporting of older adult maltreatment, increase the likelihood of appropriate reports to the correct county resource, and improve collaboration for positive results. OCAPS is expanding this Fund beginning with the 2025 Annual Conference to APS direct service staff and supervisors when budget constraints require scholarship support to attend the conference.

What we are asking: We are requesting donations to the Scholarship Fund. The scholarship will cover the cost of the conference registration fee. Our goal is to raise \$10,000. We are asking for your help. [TO DONATE USE THIS LINK TO MAKE YOUR DONATION TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND.](#)

Thank you for considering this request. Bringing together those who serve the most vulnerable older adults in Ohio helps all of us work more effectively to provide protection to many.

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