



Midwest Arts Conference

Preeminent annual booking and education conference
for the Midwest performing arts industry

David J. Fraher Future Leaders' Fund

In January 2009, David Fraher marked 25 years as Executive Director of Arts Midwest. Arts Midwest's Board of Directors and staff, along with many friends and colleagues, established the David J. Fraher Future Leaders' Fund to honor David's contributions and commitment to the field and his vision for the future. The Future Leaders' Fund provides the next generation of arts administration leaders with opportunities to participate in educational programming, build a strong network of mentors, and access real-life learning experiences within the industry.

Each year the Fund recipient attends the four-day Midwest Arts Conference, where he/she meets with leaders in the field and participates in educational sessions about the performing arts touring industry. In 2012, the Fund will bring another next-gen leader to the 25th annual Conference, which will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan from Wednesday, September 12–Saturday, September 15, 2012.

2012 Scholarship Benefits

The recipient of the 2012 Fund scholarship will receive:

- Complimentary full-Conference registration
- Complimentary admission to in-depth seminars (Wednesday, September 12)
- Access to special VIP events throughout the Conference
- Opportunities to shadow Mr. Fraher and Arts Midwest senior management throughout the Conference, learning about leadership firsthand
- Up to four nights' lodging at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel (depending on travel arrangements)

Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must:

- Be pursuing a career in arts administration
- Have a maximum five years' experience in the field (education, work, or combination)
- Be enrolled in an arts administration program (undergraduate or graduate) at a university/college in Michigan OR be employed by a Michigan arts organization

To Apply

Submit the following to Colleen McLaughlin at [colleen @artsmidwest.org](mailto:colleen@artsmidwest.org) no later than 5 p.m. on June 15, 2012:

- Your résumé
- Personal letter (maximum two pages) that includes the following:
 - Why you want to be a part of the arts administration field;
 - What your professional goals are in the field;
 - What unique skills you feel you bring to the field.
- Applicants are encouraged to include up to two letters of support. (optional)

All applicants will be notified of selection decisions by July 30, 2012.

Learn more about the 2012 Midwest Arts Conference at www.artsmidwest.org.