

The Peggy Browning Fund 2009 National Law Students Workers' Rights Conference

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1. How are students selected to attend the conference?

Each school selects its own student(s). The selection method varies from school to school. Typically, schools consider such factors as the student's demonstrated interest in either workers' rights issues or public interest law; whether the student has previously attended the conference; whether it's the student's last chance to attend (e.g., in the case of a 3L vs. a 1L student); etc. Some schools choose by lottery.

2. Does the school need to let the Fund know which law students have been selected to attend? Is an e-mail notification sufficient?

Yes. Email notification is fine. Please indicate whether the school will be paying for each student, or if you are asking that the Fund cover one student. When we receive a registration form directly from a student, we will confirm with the school before processing the registration.

3. Last year I sent in my registration by the deadline but couldn't get in. What do I have to do to avoid that happening again this year?

Register early!

4. Several students from my school have already registered. Can I still register?

Ask your career services director, public interest advisor, or labor law professor to contact us to see if you can be added to the list of attendees.

5. Didn't you used to limit attendance to a maximum of three students per school?

Yes, but we changed that this year, in response to numerous requests from schools and students.

6. My school is not a participating law school. Can I still attend the conference? If your school is interested in participating, it's easy to join.

Ask your labor law professor, career services director or public interest advisor to contact us.

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7. I attend school part-time. Am I still eligible?

Yes, if your school identifies you as one of the students it wants to send to the conference.

8. How does the Fund select the students whose costs will be covered?

The Fund automatically covers costs for all Peggy Browning Fellows to attend. If a school cannot pay for its other students to attend, we will cover all on-site meals and lodging expenses for one student from the school. We ask the school to identify that student. If the student does not live within driving distance and registers by August 27, 2009, we will cover airfare, if a reasonable fare can be secured.

9. What must the student submit to you by August 27 in order to be considered for airfare? Does s/he just need to submit the registration form?

The registration form and \$25 registration fee.

10. Our school doesn't start classes until after Labor Day, so we won't know which students are interested in attending until after the deadline for airfare reimbursement. Can we get an extension?

Yes, but in that case the Fund will cover airfare only up to the best fare available as of the August 27 deadline. The school or the student will have to cover the remainder.

11. My school can't pay for me. Will the Fund cover any of my expenses?

Yes, if your school identifies you as one of the students it wants to send to the conference.

12. Several students from my school want to attend but none of us can afford it. Since the Peggy Browning Fund will reimburse at least one airfare, can we take the money and split it among all of us?

Yes.

13. I would like to spend some extra time in the Washington, DC area before or after the conference. Can I stay an extra night?

Yes, but it will be at your own expense. Students often arrange job interviews to coincide with our conference.

14. I can't afford to stay at the conference center. Is there a more affordable option nearby?

Yes. Call us at 215-665-6815 to discuss your particular situation.

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15. Do I have to share accommodations? I would prefer a single room.

Single rooms are available for an additional \$77 per night, paid in advance.

16. Can I choose my own roommate?

Yes, if we receive your request by October 2. After that date, we'll try to honor your choice but cannot guarantee it.

17. Is the conference center handicapped-accessible? Yes. If you have special needs, just let us know and we'll make every reasonable effort to accommodate.

18. Is there a vegetarian option? Yes. It will help if you let us know your needs in advance.

19. How can I save money traveling between the airport and the conference center?

We'll put you in touch with others traveling at the same time, so you can share the cost of the ground transportation.

20. Which airport should I use?

Considering travel time and affordability, Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) is usually best for most students. Reagan National and Dulles are also options (sometimes the only options, depending on flight schedules), though Dulles is the farthest distance from the conference center.

21. If the Fund isn't paying for my airfare, can you still help me get travel discounts?

Yes. Call 215-665-6815 or email mmoffa@peggybrowningfund.org to discuss your options.

22. Is there any other travel information I need to know? Since the conference doesn't end until 5 p.m. on Saturday, we strongly suggest that you shouldn't schedule your return flight until 7:30 p.m. or later.

23. Will there be parking available at the National Labor College? Yes, and it's free.

24. Will I get my choice of workshops? We will honor your preferences as long as space is available in each particular workshop.

25. I have a question not included in the above list. How can I get an answer?

Send an email to mmoffa@peggybrowningfund.org or call 215-665-6815.