

Scholarships for the Midwifery Symposium 2016

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Deadline 15 January 2016

UNFPA, the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM), WHO, Jhpiego, Johnson and Johnson, Laerdal Global Health, Amref Health Africa and other collaborating multilateral, civil society and private sector partners are now accepting applications for 30 scholarships for the upcoming Midwifery Symposium 2016; “Young Midwives in the Lead”, 14-16 May, 2016, and the Women Deliver conference 16-19 May 2016, in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The Symposium aims to build the skills and capacities of young midwives with leadership potential to engage in effective policy advocacy to strengthen quality midwifery care, services and workforce policies in their communities and countries by using evidence based arguments in order to achieve the sexual and reproductive health and universal health care agenda associated with achieving the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

Scholarship winners will receive economy airfare for travel, accommodation and registration to attend Women Deliver and an allowance to cover meals and local transport.

If you are:

- A fully qualified midwife , actively practising midwifery at a clinic or in the community or engaged in midwifery research, education, or policy formulation;
- 35 years of age or younger;
- A potential young midwife leader and have demonstrated these skills in your professional life or done exemplary work on midwifery in your country;
- Committed to dedicating your time towards strengthening midwifery in your country and can have the support of the national midwives association or other midwifery educational body in your country;
- Passionate and dedicated about promoting midwifery;

And

If you would like:

- To become a national and/or international advocate for midwifery;

- To receive leadership training towards this end;
- To learn about the latest trends and innovations in midwifery;
- To be part of a global group of young midwives working to promote midwifery as a key aspect of improving maternal and newborn health;

Then we urge you to apply for a scholarship to the Symposium by:

- A. Submitting, in your preferred language (English, French or Spanish) a 1,000 word proposal/essay that includes the following:
- o A personal mission statement on your commitment towards women and newborns and quality midwifery care.
 - o Your personal vision for midwifery in your country.
 - o A brief description of your work in the community (service delivery, advocacy, etc.) and what makes you a potential leader.
 - o Describe briefly what leadership qualities you would like to strengthen and improve.
 - o Your views on challenges in improving quality midwifery care in your country and strategies you would employ (e.g support of national midwives association, partners etc) to effectively advocate for strengthening quality midwifery care and services, and improving distribution and working conditions of midwives in your country.
- B. Attaching 2 letters of recommendation from recognized national midwifery, or other relevant health or related organization where you have worked.

Kindly note that some basic knowledge of English is highly desirable in order to fully participate in Women Deliver following the Symposium.

You can submit your contributions in the form of written submissions or in the form of 7-10 minute audio/video statements.

Deadline:

Applications for scholarship including name, age, address, nationality, e-mail, phone number as well as written proposal / essay or video should be sent to:

Midwiferysymposium2016@gmail.com

No later than 15th January 2016

Note: Successful candidate will be informed by 29th February 2016. Communications on status of scholarships will not be entertained.

<http://www.who.int/pmnch/media/news/2015/midwifery/en/>