Breast Connect, Inc. Breast Connect Education Giving Fund

PURPOSE.

Breast Connect, Inc.’s mission is to empower women diagnosed with breast cancer to become their own best advocates in their breast cancer journey by connecting them with relevant information, resources and friendship. To further support the organization’s motto: for survivors, by survivors, we have committed to yearly fund that supports continued education opportunity for group participants.

The following policy outlines the process for applying, criteria for decisions and expectations for completing what is defined as a continued education opportunity.

DEFINITION OF CONTINUED EDUCATION

Breast cancer educational opportunities are defined as conferences, seminars, or information sessions about (1) New treatment options, (2) Integrated health perspective, (3) Continued studies and results, (4) Instruction courses by a certified individual(s), (5) patient and caregiver advocacy topics. The educational experiences may also include non-traditional education programs, to include retreats with educational and healing properties; mental and emotional learning conferences.

CRITERIA FOR PROGRAM APPLICATION

The following criteria shall be met for consideration of an educational support scholarship:

1) Must be registered with the group through social media or website.
2) The academic sponsor and/or instructional personnel will be well qualified and experienced at the event.
3) There is a statement of the purpose and objectives related to breast cancer treatment options, outcomes, advocacy, emotional support topics.
4) The content is available for redistribution at the conclusion of the event.
5) During pre-planning, an opportunity for input by the target group to be served is afforded.
6) The individual participant is either registered or accounted for in the course of the event, which will include information required for record keeping and reporting.
7) The event is not a committee meeting, delegate assembly, or similar meeting for policy making purposes; or, doctor referrals, patient consultations, or an individual medical appointment.
8) Candidate will be limited to one (1) scholarship per year.
DECISION CRITERIA FOR THE BOARD

The following criteria above is met, and the application is then considered by the Breast Connect board members for:

1) Determining treatment or in treatment.
2) Current relevancy to the group and on-going social media discussions/threads/questions.
3) Provides the greatest amount of information and take-away materials for cost (cost/benefit).
4) Enables the participant to be a key contributor (i.e. panel member, presenter, patient advocacy).

PARTICIPATION EVALUATION AND GIVING BACK TO THE ORGANIZATION

Upon completion of the event, the attendee is expected to provide a short summary of the experience, key messages, and feedback/recommendation for future attendance, and materials gathered (printed, digital). We ask that the participant give back to the Breast Connect community by providing the information and answer questions within 30 days of the event. The intent is to continue to grow the number of resources, information set, and continued support for those determining and attending treatment.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

At the commencement of each calendar year, a fund will be set aside, and BC group participants are able to go to www.breastconnect.org, link, to submit the application. The review of the applications will be on a quarterly basis, or sooner if event dates dictate. Upon acceptance, more details will be requested for financial and pre-planning purposes.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Upon acceptance of the application and pre-planning documents, the funds will be dispersed based upon financial forecasts. A covered expense includes, but is not limited to:

1. Registration fees
2. Travel via plane, train, uber, car
3. Food per diem / per day
4. Lodging

REPRESENTATION

At no time does the acceptance and granting of the scholarship for continuing education give the participant permission to act on behalf or as an agent of Breast Connect, Inc. The participant is acting on behalf of themselves and not a representative of Breast Connect, Inc. while attending. The views and points are to be presented and representative of the individual and their experience.