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WMA Assistance Scholarships

In order to assist members in attending the Western Museums Association (WMA) Conference in Portland this year, the Oregon Museums Association (OMA) is granting eight \$250 scholarships. OMA believes the conference is an outstanding opportunity for our members to grow and network with other museums across our region, right in our own backyard.

Conference Details:

The WMA conference will be held October 17-20, 2010 at the Double Tree Hotel at Lloyd Center in Portland. WMA is a consortium that represents museums in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, American Samoa, Guam, Mariana, British Columbia and Mexico. This year's conference's focus is: "Reflecting on the Past and Envisioning the Future" and offers a wide variety of presentations and workshops from collections care to non-profit management. The preliminary conference program is available here:

<http://westmuse.files.wordpress.com/2010/05/wma-program-fpr-6.pdf>.

Eligibility:

To be considered for a scholarship you must be a member of the Oregon Museums Association either holding an individual membership or affiliated with a member institution or business. (Not sure if your organization is a member of OMA? Check the OMA website for their listing: www.oregonmuseums.org). Applicants may join at time of application.

Application:

To apply, complete the attached application form. **All applications are due by Friday, July 23 by 5:00 PM.** Questions should be directed to the Oregon Museums Association, info@oregonmuseums.org.

Awards:

The scholarship applications will be reviewed by members of the Oregon Museum Association Board. The awards will be given to the candidates that demonstrate the strongest potential to benefit from conference attendance, clear reasons for wanting to attend the conference, and a plan for applying information learned at the conference towards improving their institutions and/or furthering their career in the field.

2) What do you hope to gain from attending this year's conference? How will it benefit your own professional development and/or institution? (*Please limit to no more than 300 words*)

3) Please answer the following about your attendance plans.

Are you planning to attend:

- One day session
- The entire conference

Are you already registered for the conference?

- Yes
- No

Please estimate your total expenses for attending the conference: (Registration, travel, accommodations, etc.)