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AFDO Announces Availability of FDA Scientific Conference Grant Program Scholarships

The Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) received a scientific conference grant from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The purpose of the award is to provide scholarships to state and local food & drug regulatory personnel to attend the 2019 AFDO Annual Educational Conference (AEC). This year's AEC is being held June 22-26, 2019 at the Grant Hyatt Atlanta in Buckhead, Atlanta, GA.

AFDO Continuing Education Tuition Reimbursement Awards

In 2017, AFDO established a non-traditional continuing education tuition reimbursement fund to be awarded annually to worthy officials who are currently employed at a state, local, tribal, or territorial government agency and are returning to college or continuing their education to seek better career and work opportunities. Each award amount is not to exceed \$1500 and is not renewable.

All applications must be received by **February 1 of the current year** to be considered for the current year's award.

Apply Now!

Professional Development Grant

The AFDO Professional Development Committee will again fund a Professional Development Grant intended to benefit IFPTI Fellowship graduates, currently employed with a regulatory agency, that may not otherwise be able to participate in the annual AFDO Training Conference. The grant award may include reimbursement of conference registration fees, travel expenses, hotel costs, incidentals, and food per diem. Disbursement of the grant monies will require a completed reimbursement form along with a paid receipt of expenses. This year the AFDO Conference will be held in Atlanta Georgia June 22-26, 2019.

Grant recipients are required to: be an IFPTI graduate, attend the pre-conference workshop and committee meetings, be a member of an AFDO committee, and attend the conference in its entirety.

The application must be received by February 1. Grants will be awarded and applicants notified by March 1.



Resolve to Clean, Separate, Cook & Chill

It's a New Year! Families need to take every practical step they can to prevent foodborne illness in 2019. Here are a few suggestions for resolutions to help:

- **CLEAN:** Wash hands and surfaces often. [Download Clean Factsheet.](#)
- **SEPARATE:** Don't cross-contaminate. [Download Separate Factsheet.](#)
- **COOK:** Cook to the safe internal temperature. [Download Cook Factsheet.](#)
- **CHILL:** Refrigerate promptly. [Download Chill Factsheet.](#)

Share these [important food safety tips](#) with your family, friends and social networks!

Conversations with AFDO

Conversations with AFDO released a new podcast on December 16, 2018.

Dawn Beck, Associate Director for Public Health, Olmsted County, Rochester, MN shares their success with risk-based approach to food inspections. The method called PTV, uses policy, training and verification as the benchmarks for holding food operators accountable for keep food safe.

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What: 2019 MCAFD0 Annual Educational Conference

When: February 26-27, 2019 (8:00 am to 5:00 pm each day)

Location: [Bluemont Hotel, 1212 Bluemont Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502](#)

Check out the [MCAFD0 website](#) for more details or to register!

Nominate a Worthy Candidate for an AFDO Award

AFDO's awards are presented annually at the Annual Educational Conference during the Wiley Award banquet. The awards are administered by the Awards Committee Chair, with subcommittees for the Wiley and Associate Member that are chaired by the immediate past recipient.

The AFDO Board of Directors has increased the amount of each of the scholarship awards to \$2500 beginning with the 2019 awards. Each is awarded annually to qualified undergraduate students in their third year of study.

Here's a list of each AFDO Award:

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Preventive Controls for Human Foods and Foreign Supplier Verification Programs

Preventive Controls for Human Foods Course (PCQI)

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Foreign Supplier Verification Programs Course (FSVP)

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EAS Consulting Group Training

Dietary Supplement Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) Compliance Seminar

April 2-3, 2019

Philadelphia, PA

EAS One-Day Dietary Supplement GMP Refresher Training Series

February 5, 2019

Riverside, CA

May 7, 2019

Denton, TX

August 13, 2019

Andover, MA

November 12, 2019

Long Island, NY

Laws and Regulations Committee Update

A collection of current food, drug, device, and consumer product regulatory issues and news

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