

Dear colleagues,

We are delighted to announce that VRA Travel Awards are available for attendance at the 2017 VRA conference in Louisville, Kentucky, March 29-April 1, 2017. The deadline for receipt of applications will be **Monday, November 21, 12pm EST**. The list of recipients will be announced on the VRA listserv the week commencing December 20, 2016.

A preliminary conference schedule with a listing of workshops and sessions can be found here: <https://vra34.sched.org/>.

Information about costs is posted here: <http://www.vraweb.org/conferences/vra34/registration/> and here: <http://www.vraweb.org/conferences/vra34/accomodations/>

Before you apply, PLEASE READ "Travel Award Rules, Guidelines and Tips" for VRA Travel Awards Applicants, and "Types of Travel Awards", both linked here as PDFs:

<http://vraweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/2015-VRATARulesGuidelinesPlusTips1.pdf>

[http://vraweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Types\\_of\\_Travel\\_Awards\\_TACommOct2015.pdf](http://vraweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Types_of_Travel_Awards_TACommOct2015.pdf)

HERE'S THE LINK TO THE APPLICATION (also accessible from the VRA Travel Awards Committee webpage):

[https://docs.google.com/a/binghamton.edu/forms/d/1yl8opWkoWlgoOCJgKwfhRzhLsfKiBqyKR\\_jpWlSu6t0/edit](https://docs.google.com/a/binghamton.edu/forms/d/1yl8opWkoWlgoOCJgKwfhRzhLsfKiBqyKR_jpWlSu6t0/edit)

You do not need to be a member of the VRA to apply for a travel award, but please note that upon winning an award an applicant who is not a member of VRA must purchase a membership.

Please also note that award checks are distributed at the conference and as such, recipients will *not* have access to those funds *ahead* of the conference to set against travel expenses.

In order to allow funding to go further, Tansey awards will be distributed according to financial need i.e. full awards (up to \$850) may be given to some, whilst lower amounts may be awarded to others with partial institutional/ other support. **Travel Awards are intended to provide partial support for an individual's conference attendance, and typically supplement support from one's employer and/or personal resources.**

For 2017, we are fortunate to have generous financial support from sponsors and funds provided by the membership including:

- \* Two New Horizons awards of \$850 each. These awards are aimed at members in the following categories: solo VR professionals, part-time VR professionals, geographically isolated VR professionals, VR professionals in smaller institutions, and/or first-time attendees

- \* A New Horizons student award of \$300, for a full-time student enrolled in an accredited degree program and considering a career in visual resources

- \* Kathe Hicks Albrecht award of \$850

- \* Tansey fund awards ranging from \$250 to \$850 each

More awards may become available and will be announced on this listserv. Also, stay tuned and watch VRA-L and the VRA website for further details about the conference. Please email if you have any questions not answered by the documents noted above.

So don't delay - apply today!

We look forward to receiving your applications,

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