

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR POETRY THERAPY

REGIONAL GATHERINGS GRANTS

Overview

The grants will help current NAPT members defer costs associated with hosting regional meetings and conferences. These regional events offer presentations designed to further and/or discuss the use of language, symbol and story in therapeutic and educational capacities and to and promote the general activities of the National Association for Poetry Therapy. This support is both monetary and in the form of promotion of events to the general membership.

Regional conferences should provide an atmosphere where individuals can share information, learn about the field, present research (proposals and complete projects) and network with others in their region.

These grants are available for travel costs and speaking fees of presenters, room rentals, print materials, publicity, and refreshments. NAPT will also provide informational materials about the Association upon request as well as books for resale at events.

Grant Criteria

Each grant application must demonstrate that the event is related to the field, provide a budget that is specific and appropriate, and indicate that other funding sources have been investigated.

Proposed matching funds must be clearly delineated in the budget and might include earned income from attendance fees, in-kind speakers, in-kind rental of meeting space, and donated printing and/or refreshments (with the exception of alcohol). Events that appeal to students and diverse audiences (through special sessions or reduced registration fees, for example) are especially welcome. The NAPT grant will not comprise more than 50% of the program budget. A brief final report form will be supplied with your grant confirmation and must be completed and submitted within four weeks of your event's conclusion.

Currently, grants are being awarded up to \$500 per approved regional event. Consideration will be given to trying to spread out the grants geographically. We hope they present opportunities for building the community of our organization as broadly as possible.

To apply

Email a one-page statement of your purpose and proposed activities, including region, venue, schedule, and speakers, along with an itemized budget of projected income and expenses and full contact information for the lead organizer of the event, to Karen vanMeenen at naptpublications@yahoo.com.

This application cycle is ongoing, with applications considered in the order they are received each calendar year until that year's funds are depleted.