



2024 Equity Scholarship Application

Efficiency Vermont is pleased to offer a limited number of first-come, first-served attendance scholarships to women, and BIPOC individuals for the 2024 Better Buildings by Design Conference. Individuals who are actively involved in the workforce development, construction, and housing trades, or those who have undertaken other efforts to reduce the burden of energy use in their community and professional field through the design and construction trades are encouraged to apply.

Eligible applicants will have experience in or preparing to work in their respective field energy or trade-related field. Applicants that are pursuing training, career development and career exploration with their respective trade will likely benefit greatly from attending the BBD conference.

This scholarship is offered on a first-come, first-served basis while funding is available. Scholarships will be offered at a reduced rate of \$25 for one day or \$50 for the full two-day conference.

Eligible candidates must identify as women and/or BIPOC individuals. Awarded scholarship recipients will receive a choice to attend either one day of the conference or the full two days. If a travel or lodging stipend is needed to help reduce barriers to attend, effort will be made to accommodate the request. See below for details.

To apply for a 2024 BBD Equity scholarship, please complete this form and return it to blong@veic.org no later than March 1st, 2024.

All submissions will be notified by March 15th, 2024, if they have been selected as a scholarship recipient.

Name:

Preferred pronouns:

Address:

City:

Phone:

Email:

State:

Zip:

Are you a first-time attendee?

- Yes
- No

Select which day you are looking to attend:

- Wednesday, April 3, 2024
- Thursday, April 4, 2024

Please select all that apply. You may select more than one.

- I am a woman-owned business in the building and construction trade
- My business is a Certified Women Business Enterprise (WBE) in this trade
- My business, or the one I work at is a BIPOC-owned business in this trade
- My business, or the one I work at is a Certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) in this trade
- I identify as a BIPOC individual working in the trade
- I identify as a woman working in the trade

In 2 to 3 sentences tell us why you are interested in attending the Better Buildings by Design conference, and how you see it furthering your personal goals:

Do you require a travel stipend* to attend this conference?

- Yes
- No

Do you require a lodging stipend to attend this conference?

- Evening of Wednesday, April 2nd
- Evening of Thursday, April 3rd

I hereby certify that the information that I have provided on this form is accurate and complete. I understand that this self-certification may be subject to further verification by Efficiency Vermont. If necessary, I will provide the information required to verify this data. I, therefore, authorize such verification, and will provide supporting documents, if necessary. I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements listed, and agree to the terms and conditions.

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*Lodging stipend is intended to cover the cost (including taxes) of a single occupancy room at the Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center, South Burlington, Vermont for either the evening of April 2nd and/or the evening of April 3rd 2024, for the purpose of providing lodging for a conference attendance scholarship recipient. If you are requesting a room for April 2nd, you must be attending the conference on April 3rd and if you are requesting a room for the evening of April 3rd, you must be attending programming on April 3rd and/or April 4th. Room upgrades and all other hotel services, including incidentals, room service, food and beverage, and entertainment packages are not included in this stipend. A credit card will need to be presented at the time of check in per the hotel policy. Any additional fees imposed by the hotel will be the sole responsibility of the scholarship awardee registered for that room.

*Travel stipend includes the federal business mileage driven reimbursement rate of \$.65.5 per mile only travelled, and does not include fuel, vehicle rental, tolls, public transportation or any incidental fees or charges associated with the cost of transportation related to attending the conference. Travel stipend is intended to offer reimbursement for the scholarship awardee to travel from your primary residence and back. Transportation stipends for air fare will not be considered.