



2017 Scholarship & Homestay Application Form

Instructions

Rail-Volution offers a limited number of scholarships each year to individuals working on transportation, community development, and land-use issues, with special consideration for nonprofits, citizen activists and transportation advocates. We encourage a diverse group of stakeholders to apply. Rail-Volution seeks viewpoints and contributions from people of different races, nationalities, professional disciplines, and geographic and economic backgrounds. We believe diversity is essential to lively discussion, greater understanding, energy, creativity and momentum.

Local scholarships awarded are for registration only. National scholarships are awarded for registration and (if requested) transportation costs only. Rail-Volution does not provide lodging. We do administer a home-stay program matching scholarship recipients interested in local accommodation with area residents willing to host an out-of-town visitor in their home. Home-stay hosts receive a free conference registration. The home-stay program is based on availability and is dependent on how many local volunteers offer to host. Homestays are at your own risk.

General Guidelines

Scholarships will be awarded based on need. Priority is given to individuals and organizations working to involve citizens in transportation and land-use issues, as well as first-time attendees.

Scholarships open June 5 and close on July 20. Awards will be announced the second week of August. Mobile workshops and pre-conference events are NOT included. Scholarship recipients will need to pay for their own mobile workshops if they choose to register. Scholarships will not be awarded to the same person two years in a row. If you received a scholarship last year, please wait a year before reapplying.

CHECK OVER YOUR APPLICATION CAREFULLY. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE CHANGES ONCE YOU SUBMIT.

* 1. Please let us know what you are applying for:

- National Scholarship
- Local Scholarship (people living in RTD service district, Fort Collins and Colorado Springs)
- Home Stay Host (must be within 40 minutes of the conference hotel on a transit route with high frequency service)



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1. Basic Information

Items with asterisk (*) are required.

* 2. Name

First Name

Last Name

* 3. Organization/Company (if applicable):

* 4. Role/Position:

* 5. Address

Address 1

Address 2

* 6. City, State, Zip

City

State

Zip

* 7. Primary Phone:

8. Other Phone:

* 9. Email:

10. Are you willing to volunteer at the conference?

Yes

No

* 11. Do you live in Colorado?

Yes

No

12. Which registration category do you fit into?

- Public Sector/Nonprofit/Advocate
- Student
- Private Sector/Consultant

13. For national scholarship applicants, how much are you requesting for travel to the Denver conference?

Please indicate your estimate for round trip travel to Denver. Reminder: scholarships do not cover hotel/lodging.

14. From what airport or train/bus station will you depart?



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2. Application Questions

* 15. Tell us about yourself. Why do you want to go to Rail-Volution in 2017? (100 words or less)

* 16. How would a scholarship assist you in attending Rail-Volution? (100 words or less)

* 17. How will you use the information gained at the conference to enhance citizen activism and to promote transit in your community? (100 words or less)

18. Organizational Information (N/A if not affiliated with an organization): please describe your organization, including information about age, mission, goals and activities.

19. Organization's annual budget (Select One):

- \$0 - \$499,999
- \$500,000 - \$999,999
- \$1 million - \$5 million
- \$5 million - \$10 million
- \$10 million and up

20. Can you or your organization provide financial assistance to match funds towards your Rail- Volution registration and or/travel expenses. If so, how much?



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3. Application Questions

21. Student Information: (N/A if not a student): please describe your major, degree of study, and your professional aspirations:

22. Do you have an internship; are you volunteering with an organization? Please describe:

* 23. Are you a member of a local advocacy organization? Describe your involvement with the organization (N/A if not a member):

* 24. In 100 words or less please identify two major trends in the transportation industry:

* 25. In 100 words or less please explain how public transportation impacts your community today and your hopes for the future:

* 26. Scholarship recipients are asked to spread the word about what they learn at Rail-Volution. How will you share what you have learned?

27. Optional: If you have personal social media accounts that you will use to spread the word, please indicate the handles you are willing to share.

Twitter	<input type="text"/>
Facebook	<input type="text"/>
Instagram	<input type="text"/>
LinkedIn	<input type="text"/>
Other	<input type="text"/>



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4. Optional Demographic Questions

Providing answers to these questions helps us measure the reach and impact of the scholarship.

28. Gender Identification: (optional)

- Female
- Male
- Prefer to self-describe

Self-describe

29. Please Indicate your age range: (optional)

- 0-19
- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70+

30. Please indicate the race/ethnicity you most identify with: (optional)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- White/Caucasian
- Multiracial
- Other

31. Please indicate your primary affiliation:

- Transit Agency
- Regional Government
- Citizen Activist
- Public Health
- Nonprofit Organization
- City/County
- State Government
- Student
- Foundation
- Consultant
- Federal Government
- Academic/Professor
- Business
- Developer
- Banking/Investment

32. How many years have you worked in your current industry?

- 0-2
- 3-5
- 6-10
- 11-15
- 16-20
- +21

33. How many times have you attended Rail~Volution

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6+

34. How did you hear about Rail~Volution

- E-Mail
- Rail~Volution website
- Rail~Volution NSC Member
- Colleague
- Blog
- Other



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5. Homestay Information | Questions for Homestay Guests

Rail~Volution administers a home-stay program to match scholarship recipients interested in finding local accommodation with local residents willing to host an out-of-town guest in their home. Home-stay hosts receive a free registration to the conference.

This program is based on availability and is dependent on how many local volunteers offer to host. Homestays are at your own risk.

Homestay Hosts must be within forty minutes of the conference hotel on a frequent transit route with early and late service hours. Rail~Volution activities will start early in the morning and may end late in the night. Guests must be able to access the home at any time. A private room is preferred for attendees. Hosts are not responsible for any meals or entertaining guests. Hosts also are not responsible for providing transportation. Guests are expected to take transit and/or other available modes.

Rail~Volution is not responsible for any issues that may arise with homestay matches. Guests and hosts will need to make their own arrangements once a match has been made. Homestay opportunities are at your own risk.

35. Homestay Guest: I would like to stay with a local resident during the conference, September 17-20, 2017?

- Yes
- No

36. Homestay Guests: please indicate your preference for private or shared space (i.e., living room).

- I prefer a private room.
- I am willing to share a room.

37. Homestay Guest: Are you a smoker?

- Yes
- No

38. Homestay Guest: are you allergic to pets?

- No, not allergic to pets.
- Yes, I am allergic to pets. (Describe below.)

I am allergic to these pets:

39. Homestay guests: Are you interested in borrowing or renting a bicycle (if available)?

- Yes
- No

40. Homestay guest: Is there any other information you would like us to know?



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6. Questions for Homestay Hosts

41. Homestay Host: Would you like to provide housing for a conference attendee(s) September 17-20, 2017?

- Yes
- No

42. How many guests are you able/willing to host in your home?

43. Do you live within half a mile walking distance of public transit?

Yes

No

44. What is the most convenient transit service from your home to the conference hotel? The Sheraton Denver Downtown is on the 16th Street Pedestrian Mall, at 1550 Court Pl, Denver, CO 80202.

45. Can you travel from your home to downtown Denver via transit in 40 minutes or less?

Yes

No

46. Does the trip require more than one transfer?

Yes

No

47. Does the service continue well into the evening hours?

Yes

No

48. Do you live in a bike-friendly area?

Yes

No

49. Can you provide a loaner bike to your guest?

Yes

No

50. Can you provide secure bike parking for your guest?

Yes

No

51. Smoking

- Smokers welcome
- Non-smoking home

52. Room

- Private room available
- Expect guest to share a room

53. Pets

- No pets in home
- Host has pets (please describe):



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7. Complete Your Application

Thank you for completing the scholarship and homestay application for Rail-Volution 2016. This is your final chance to make any changes on any previous pages by clicking "Previous" below. Otherwise, please click "Done."

Scholarship awards will be announced the second week of August.