

# **38th Annual Statewide Affordable Housing Conference**

## The Florida Housing Coalition has established a scholarship program to assist individuals in participating in *Back to the Vision: The 2025 Statewide Affordable Housing Conference*.

### This Isn't Just a Conference, It's a Movement

*Back to the Vision* is a high-energy, three-day immersive experience that brings together the people shaping Florida's housing future. Whether you're a nonprofit leader, policy advocate, developer, service provider, or lived-experience expert, this is your space to collaborate, grow, and reimagine what's possible.

Expect bold conversations, practical tools, and real connections. This is where housing solutions get traction—where frontline stories meet funding strategies, and where innovative ideas are shared, tested, and elevated. With over 40 breakout sessions, hands-on workshops, and powerful keynote addresses, the Statewide Affordable Housing Conference is designed to empower, educate, and energize.

If you're committed to creating a more resilient, equitable, and accessible housing landscape in Florida—but cost is a barrier—we invite you to apply for a scholarship. Let's make sure every voice has a seat at the table.

#### Scholarship Guidelines:

- Recipients (individuals or organizations) must be or become a current and active member of the Coalition at any membership level. Please take a look at our range of <u>membership levels</u> to determine the most appropriate.
- Scholarship awards are limited to the cost and activities included in the conference registration fee for the scholarship recipient.
- Travel and lodging of the scholarship recipient are not included in the scholarship award. Please consider these accommodations before applying. Review the <u>FAQS</u> section to get more details on hotel reservations, if applicable.
- Scholarships are only transferable to another individual if Coalition administration approves; all applicants must be 18 or older.

#### Scholarship Award Criteria:

#### Financial Need

• In alignment with the honor system, conference scholarships are awarded based on the financial need of the individual or organization. Nonprofit staff, volunteers, and first-time attendees are prioritized and strongly encouraged to apply.

#### Collaboration and Networking / Professional and Personal Development

• From policymakers and developers to service providers and residents, this conference fosters an environment where stakeholders share skills, knowledge, and connections—critical to addressing Florida's diverse housing needs. We'd love to hear how this opportunity will help you build new partnerships, strengthen your impact, and advance your work.

#### Volunteer Giveback

• As part of our commitment to community engagement and shared success, scholarship recipients are expected to volunteer a minimum of 3 hours during the conference. Schedules will be confirmed in August.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Assisting with event check-in and registration
- Supporting session facilitators and speakers
- Helping guide attendees and answering questions
- Engaging with fellow participants to foster a welcoming environment

#### Scholarship Availability & Application Process:

- Scholarships are extremely limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Application submission does not guarantee selection.

#### Eligibility & Prioritization:

- Nonprofits and first-time attendees will be prioritized.
- Anyone who has received a complimentary registration in the last two years is not eligible for a scholarship.

#### **Key Dates:**

- Application Deadline: Tuesday, July 1, 2025
- Award Status Notifications: July 1-July 31, 2025, via email

#### Apply for a 2025 Conference Scholarship:

- Step 1: Stay informed and empowered by subscribing to our weekly Member Update e-newsletter today to receive the latest updates, insights, and resources directly to your inbox. Sign up <u>here</u>!
- Step 2: Complete and submit the <u>2025 Statewide Affordable Housing Conference</u> scholarship application!

If you'd like to secure your spot in the conference, join today and register as a member—it's the best deal for your budget and your mission! Visit the conference <u>FAQS</u> section for more details.