

Michigan Parents of Infants/Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Apply for a **SCHOLARSHIP** to attend the:

**19TH ANNUAL EARLY HEARING
DETECTION & INTERVENTION MEETING**

MARCH 8-10, 2020 • KANSAS CITY

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This scholarship will help you become a **PARENT LEADER** to assist Michigan's Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program. Become engaged in the hearing screening, identification, and intervention (Early On) systems for young children. Improve the lives of infants and young children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

To apply for the scholarship:

1. Review the information regarding scholarship requirements.
2. Write a letter (**one page** or less) explaining why you want to be a PARENT LEADER. Explain how you could help Michigan EHDI efforts. Please include a statement about your time commitment and the age/s of your child/children. Your personal experience is important!
3. Email your letter to this address: BehringerD@michigan.gov no later than **NOON on Friday January 24, 2020.**
4. Applicants will be notified by January 28, 2020.

If you have questions, please call or email Deb Behringer at 517-335-8955
behringerD@michigan.gov.



Michigan Early Hearing Detection
and Intervention Program



2020 Family Leadership Scholarship Information

The Michigan Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program involves parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing in program planning and activities. EHDI encourages parents to become a leader in the EHDI system. A **Family Leadership Scholarship** is available for a parent to attend the 2020 National EHDI Meeting, March 8-10, 2020 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Priority selection will be offered to a parent who has a deaf or hard of hearing child and has not previously attended the national meeting. Parents or family members who receive the scholarship will have their registration fee of \$450 reimbursed. Also, a stipend will be given of \$1,300 to offset travel and/or accommodation costs of attending the National Meeting. To receive a scholarship, the parent leader must agree to the following **scholarship requirements**.

Prior to the EHDI meeting, the parent leader will:

- Meet with the EHDI Coordinator in person or by phone to:
 - Discuss current activities and overview of the Michigan EHDI program
 - Review the agenda for the National EHDI Meeting to identify sessions for the parent leader to attend
- Register for the EHDI meeting by **February 1** by visiting ehdimeeting.org and completing the registration form. Each parent must return a copy of the EHDI meeting registration form, along with a completed W-9 form to the EHDI program to receive the travel stipend.

During the EHDI meeting, the parent leader will:

- Attend a half-day session on Sunday, March 8 from 8:00 am-12 pm OR 1:00-4:00 pm.
- Participate in Michigan's stakeholder meeting on Monday, March 9 from 9:30 am-11:00 am.
- Attend their selected EHDI meeting sessions.

After the EHDI meeting, the parent leader will:

- Meet with the EHDI Coordinator to identify ways in which the parent can contribute to the ongoing efforts to improve Michigan's EHDI program.
- Participate in the **EHDI Advisory meeting on April 16, 2020** in Lansing to share their parent story and meeting experience.

As soon as the parent is registered for the 2020 Annual EHDI Meeting and the W-9 form is received, EHDI will issue a stipend directly to the parent.