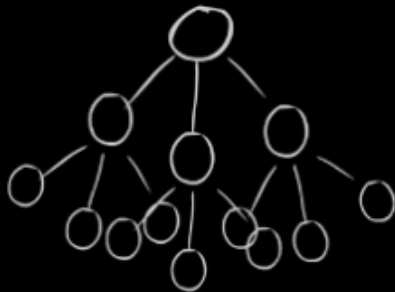


Pay-It-Forward Grant for Build Business

Grant Applications Due:
May 26, 2017
5:00 pm

PAY IT FORWARD



Pay it Forward Grant Covers:

- Full registration for Wednesday through Saturday (\$1290 Value)
- Roundtrip airfare/transportation (up to \$550 reimbursed)
- Three-Night Hotel Stay
- Misc. Meals (up to \$50 reimbursed)

You want to go to Build Business, the SMPS National Conference, but it's just not in the budget this year? SMPS DC Chapter has created the Pay-It-Forward grant covering one full registration, airfare/transportation, hotel and meals. It doesn't get any better than that!

Instructions:

Submit your grant application and supporting documents in pdf format via email to Laura Ewan at lewan@mgac.com by May 26, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. After the grant applications are reviewed by the Executive Committee, a recommendation will be made to the Chapter's Board of Directors. Upon approval, the grant recipient will be notified. The grant recipient will be presented the grant at the June Summer Celebration.

Requirements/Supporting Documents:

1. Letter from your supervisor supporting your attendance and participation in **Build Business Indianapolis**, should you receive the grant.
2. Letter of reference from a current or former DC Chapter Board member.
3. Summary of your SMPS DC Chapter activities and involvement to date.
4. Responses to the following questions (limit to one page total):
 - a. How has SMPS benefitted you personally and professionally?
 - b. What do you hope to gain from attending the conference?
 - c. Where does SMPS bring you the most value?
 - d. If you feel you have anything else of value to share with the selection committee please include here.
5. Statement of understanding and agreement to attend a pre-conference, chapter-sponsored happy hour, live tweet from the conference, compose a post-conference debrief blog post on the Best of Build Business and speak briefly at Member Orientations to share your impressions and experience at Build Business with others, and your agreement to do so.
6. Description (limit to one page) of your commitment to "pay it forward" to the DC Chapter upon your return from Build Business. This is where the chapter is asking you to identify an idea, activity or project that you commit to completing within four months of the date of the conference, for the purpose of sharing what you have learned from the conference with others in the chapter. Any events with non-paid speakers (aka fellow conference attendees) should be organized prior to the conference to allow for adequate speaker preparation.

Eligibility

- **Active member of the DC Chapter (involved in a committee or other active support of chapter operations).**
- **Minimum of 2 years continuous membership in SMPS. Current board members are not eligible.**

Questions? Please contact Laura Ewan at lewan@mgac.com.