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**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO ATTEND ALTERNATIVES**

**CONFERENCE 2017**

**“Building Healing Communities Together”**

**APPLICATIONS DUE May 31, 2017**

Every year, there is a national consumer conference for mental health consumer/ survivor/peer leaders. This year, the *Alternatives Conference 2017* will be held in **Boston, Massachusetts from August 18 – 21, 2017.**

To access conference info go to <http://www.power2u.org/alternatives-2017>

Disability Rights California is providing scholarships for people with mental health disabilities interested in attending the conference and sharing information that they learn at the conference with others. The scholarship award covers the registration fee, lodging, transportation costs to and from the conference, and a meal allowance for meals not included as part of the conference registration.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Disability Rights California PAIMI Advisory Council will review all applications.

***Preference will be given to individuals who:***

- need financial assistance in order to attend the conference;***
- have not attended an Alternatives Conference before;***
- have participated in a Peer Self-Advocacy Group lead by Disability Rights California; and/or***
- who reside in rural counties.***

Individuals who wish to be considered for a scholarship must **complete the attached application form** and return to Disability Rights California no later than **May 31, 2017**. After attending the conference, scholarship recipients will be asked to join meeting of the PAIMI Advisory Council to talk about your conference experience.