

Peggy Browning Fund 2018 National Law Students Workers' Rights Conference

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1. How are students selected to attend the conference?

Each school selects its own student(s). The selection method varies from school to school. Typically, schools consider such factors as the student's demonstrated interest in either workers' rights issues or public interest law; whether the student has previously attended the conference; whether it's the student's last chance to attend (e.g., in the case of a 3L vs. a 1L student); etc. Some schools choose by lottery.

2. Does the school need to let the Peggy Browning Fund (PBF) know which law students have been selected to attend? Is an e-mail notification sufficient?

Yes. Email notification is fine. Please indicate if the school will be paying for each of its students or if you are asking PBF to cover one student. When we receive a registration form directly from a student, we will confirm with the school before processing the registration.

3. Our school doesn't start classes until after Labor Day, so we won't know which students are interested in attending until after the deadline for requesting airfare support. Can we get an extension?

Yes, but in that case PBF will cover airfare only up to the best fare available as of the August 24, 2018 deadline. The school or the student will have to cover the remainder.

4. What must students submit to you by August 24, 2018 in order to be considered for airfare? Do they just need to submit the registration form?

The registration form and \$30 registration fee.

5. Last year I sent in my registration by the deadline but couldn't get in. What do I have to do to avoid that happening again this year?

Register early!

6. Several students from my school have already registered. Can I still register?

Ask your career services director, public interest advisor, or labor law professor to contact us to see if you can be added to the list of attendees.

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7. Didn't you previously limit attendance to a maximum of three students per school?

In response to numerous requests from schools and students, we eliminated that limitation.

8. My school is not a participating law school. Can I still attend the conference?

If your school is interested in participating, it's easy to join. Ask your labor law professor, career services director or public interest advisor to contact us.

9. I attend school part-time. Am I still eligible?

Yes, if your school identifies you as one of the students it wants to send to the conference.

10. How does PBF select the students whose costs will be covered?

PBF covers costs for all Peggy Browning Fellows to attend. We ask schools to cover the costs for other students. If a school cannot do so, we will consider requests to support a portion of costs for one student from the school. If the student does not live within driving distance and registers by August 24, 2018, we will consider requests to cover airfare, if sufficient funds are available and a reasonable fare can be secured. Schools should submit requests to mmoffa@peggybrowningfund.org. Requests should include an explanation of what support the school will provide, what other sources of support have been explored, and what specific costs the school asks PBF to cover.

11. My school can't pay for me. Will PBF cover any of my expenses?

We will consider a request from your school. See the answer to question #10 above.

12. Several students from my school want to attend but none of us can afford it. Will PBF consider a request for support that would be shared by two or more students?

Yes, we will consider such a request. See the answer to question #10 above.

13. I would like to spend some extra time in the Baltimore/Washington area before or after the conference. Can I stay an extra night?

Yes, but it will be at your own expense. Students often arrange job interviews to coincide with our conference.

14. I can't afford to stay at the conference center. Is there a more affordable option nearby?

Yes. Contact Ruby Tumaszk at 267-273-7995 or at rtumaszk@peggybrowningfund.org to discuss your particular situation.

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15. Do I have to share accommodations? I would prefer a single room.

Single rooms are available for an additional fee, paid to PBF in advance.

16. Can I choose my own roommate?

Yes, if we receive your request by September 28. After that date, we'll try to honor your choice but cannot guarantee it.

17. Is the conference center handicapped-accessible?

Yes. If you have special needs, just let us know and we'll make every reasonable effort to accommodate.

18. Is there a vegetarian option? Yes. It will help if you let us know your needs in advance.

19. How can I save money traveling between the airport and the conference center?

The conference center provides a free shuttle from BWI Airport and BWI Amtrak Station. If you'll be using a different airport, we'll put you in touch with others traveling at the same time, so you can share the cost of the ground transportation.

20. Which airport should I use?

Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) is just minutes from the conference center, and there's a free shuttle. Reagan National and Dulles are also options (sometimes the only options, depending on flight schedules), though Dulles is the farthest distance from the conference center.

21. If PBF isn't paying for my airfare, can you still help me get travel discounts?

We'll be glad to share with you where we've found the best deals, and other advice for ensuring you have a smooth trip (particularly regarding scheduling). Call or email Ruby Tumaszk at 267-273-7995 or rtumaszk@peggybrowningfund.org to discuss your options.

22. Is there any other travel information I need to know?

Since the conference doesn't end until 5 p.m. on Saturday, we strongly suggest that you shouldn't schedule your return flight until 7:30 p.m. or later.

23. Will there be parking available at the conference center? Yes, and it's free.

24. Will I get my choice of workshops? We will honor your preferences as long as space is available in each particular workshop.

25. I have a question not included in the above list. How can I get an answer?

Send an email to mmoffa@peggybrowningfund.org or call 267-273-7992.