



**Join us for National Ovarian Cancer Advocacy Day
March 9 & 10, 2020
Washington, D.C.**

As a member of the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance (a national organization), each year MIOCA representatives are proud to join survivors and caregivers from around the country to educate members of Congress on issues related to ovarian cancer and advocate for increased funding and support. In 2019, nine survivors, caregivers, and ovarian cancer advocates representing MIOCA traveled to Washington, D.C. for a day of advocacy training and a day of Congressional visits on Capitol Hill. Participants returned feeling educated and empowered to continue their advocacy efforts!

If you are interested in making a long-term difference in the lives of women with ovarian cancer, please consider joining us for the 2020 National Ovarian Cancer Advocacy Day, to be held in Washington, D.C. on March 9 & 10, 2020. New to advocacy and a little shy? No problem! This is a great opportunity to learn about our democratic process and how your voice CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! On March 9th we will participate in a full day of education and training on how to make a congressional visit, including background about the current status of ovarian cancer funding and related legislation. On March 10, with the support and coordination of OCRA, advocates will visit their Congressional representatives to educate them about ovarian cancer and encourage their support for important legislation. ***(Note: Participants will be required to travel to Washington, D.C. on Sunday, March 8 to be there in time for training on Monday morning.)***

To support this effort and ensure a loud voice, **MIOCA will provide scholarships for up to 8 survivors and/or caregivers.** Scholarships provide reimbursement for costs of up to \$750, which should cover most travel and participation expenses.

If you are a survivor or caregiver interested in a scholarship to join Team Teal for Advocacy Day March 9-10 in Washington D.C., **please complete and return the attached application to rsvp@mioca.org no later than Sunday, January 12.**

Scholarship Application

Thank you for your interest in joining the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance as we travel to Washington, D.C. on March 8-10, 2020 to discuss with our legislators the critical importance of funding innovative ovarian cancer research and education/awareness programs.

A few things to know before you apply:

- Approved scholarship recipients will be reimbursed **up to \$750** for expenses directly related to Advocacy Day, including flights, hotel, parking and ground transportation. Participants should be able to pay expenses up front and be reimbursed after Advocacy Day upon submission of all receipts. (If this creates a financial burden, staff may be able to work with scholarship recipients to make alternative arrangements.)
- Applicants who have not been previously involved may be requested to meet with MIOCA representatives for an interview as part of the application process.
- Scholarship recipients will need to register with OCRA and pay the required registration fee up front. (This year's fee has not yet been announced – 2019's fee was \$25.)
- Advocates are responsible for securing their own flights to and from Washington, DC. (We will make an effort to coordinate flights so we can share transportation to/from the airport.)
- MIOCA will make hotel reservations at the conference hotel for scholarship winners, and each scholarship winner may share a room with another MIOCA advocate. MIOCA will pay the cost of hotel rooms directly and deduct the expense from the scholarship award amount.
- Traveling to D.C. Sunday is generally needed in order to be available for meetings on Monday morning.
- **Scholarship recipients are required to attend all Advocacy Day events** including training on Monday, March 9th and Congressional meetings on Tuesday, March 10th. Travel must be arranged so that participants are available to participate from 9:00am Monday, March 9 – 4:00pm Tuesday, March 10.
- Some meals will be provided, including lunch on Monday and breakfast on Tuesday.
- Upon returning to Michigan, each advocate will be required to send follow up emails to those legislators with whom she/he met.
- Receipts for reimbursement must be submitted to MIOCA no later than Friday, April 17, 2020.
- MIOCA works to build an advocacy team working at both a federal and state level. Trained advocates will also be expected to reach out to their state legislators as cancer-related issues arise.

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Name

Email

Phone

Address

How have you been impacted by ovarian cancer?

What is your Involvement with the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance, Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance and/or the ovarian cancer community?

Please tell us why you are interested in attending the Ovarian Cancer Advocacy Day?

Please discuss any financial circumstances that make you a good candidate for this scholarship.

If awarded this scholarship, are you interested in joining MIOCA's ongoing national and state level advocacy efforts?

I understand my responsibilities regarding National Ovarian Cancer Advocacy Day participation and the related travel scholarship as detailed above.

Signature

Date of application

Please complete and email the attached application to rsvp@mioca.org or mail to MIOCA 315 E. Eisenhower Pkwy, Suite 9, Ann Arbor, MI 48108, to be received no later than Sunday, January 12.