

**OREGON FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION
APPLICATION FOR DELEGATES TO THE 39th ANNUAL
NATIONAL FPA EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

ATTENTION: Foster and Relative Parents in Oregon

Scholarships may be awarded to Oregon foster and relative parents to attend the National Foster Parent Association (NFPA) Annual Education Conference this spring 2008. These scholarships are funded by the Oregon Foster Parent Association (OFPA) in cooperation with the Department of Human Services, Children, Adults and Families (CAF). The conference is scheduled for:

**National Foster Parent Association 39th Annual Education Conference
May 3 – May 9, 2009
Grand Sierra Resort
Reno, NV**

Applicants who are serious about attending and will commit to the requirements should complete the application and return to OFPA by fax at 503-362-6393 or send to the OFPA office at 707 13th St. SE, Suite 275, Salem, OR 97301

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 9, 2009

The OFPA Board of Directors will review all applications at its March board meeting and notify successful applicants in time for them to make arrangements for travel and registration.

The following criteria will apply in OFPA's selection of delegates to the 2009 NFPA 39th Annual Conference:

1. Delegates must be currently certified by DHS as foster or relative caregivers.
2. Delegates must be in good standing as evidenced by a written recommendation from their local DHS CAF office.
3. Delegates must possess the ability and willingness to accept the responsibility to attend the Conference, to obtain information, and to disseminate the knowledge to other foster parents, relative care givers and DHS representatives after returning from the conference, at meetings and other requested appearances. Delegates must be prepared to provide a copy of their stamped certificate of attendance, showing which sessions they attended, as well as write a brief article for the OFPA newsletter, *FACTS*, sharing their experience at the conference.
4. Delegates will reflect a cross section of the foster parent and relative caregiver community throughout Oregon.
5. To be considered for an award, an application and letter of recommendation **MUST** be received by 5:00 PM of the January 9 deadline. Fax to 503-362-6393.

For additional information, please call OFPA at 1-888-544-3402 or 503-361-3906.