

MCDS Convention Attendance Program

Purpose

MCDS was founded in 1985 to promote the appreciation of daylilies. As such, attendance at the AHS National and Regional Daylily Conventions encourages members to experience and learn about daylilies in various gardens in a variety of conditions and thereby stimulates members to seek ways to improve the daylily.

The purpose of this program is to encourage more MCDS members to attend the national and regional conventions.

Program

MCDS members will be partially reimbursed for their costs of attending AHS (American Hemerocallis Society) national or AHS Region 2 conventions. The program is administered by the MCDS National Convention Attendance Committee.

The type of reimbursement may be changed from year to year at the discretion of the committee with board approval.

Term of the Program

The program will run for five years beginning with the 2013 national convention. The MCDS Convention Attendance Committee will be dissolved when the funds reserved for reimbursement have been exhausted or the end of the program's term is reached.

Program Funding

The five-year program is initially funded with \$15,000 from the general fund.

Qualifying for Reimbursement

To qualify for the reimbursement of national convention attendance:

- The filer must have been a paid MCDS member for one full year as of January first of the convention year.
- The filer must be an AHS (American Hemerocallis Society) member and reside in AHS Region 2. If a reimbursement is requested by a non-AHS member, MCDS will purchase an AHS one-year membership for the filer and will pay the convention reimbursement net of the membership dues.
- Filer must submit the committee's expense reimbursement request with proof of paid attendance. Proof is either a copy of the attendee's convention registration badge or a copy of the registration form and attendee list.
- Filer must submit the form to the MCDS treasurer by the due date specified by the committee on the reimbursement form.
- Members whose registration or other expenses are reimbursed by the convention are not eligible for MCDS reimbursement.

- The filer must have paid the full convention registration to be eligible for reimbursement. Attendees paying meals-only, or other types of partial registration are not eligible for the reimbursement.
- Regional convention reimbursement is limited to the AHS Region 2 convention. Attendance at other regional conventions is not eligible for reimbursement.
- An individual member or couple is eligible for up to two reimbursements over the five-year duration of the program for any combination of national or Region 2 convention registrations.
- There will be an annual lottery open to members who have not yet attended a national convention. One fully paid national convention registration will be awarded each year of the program. To secure the award in advance of the lottery, MCDS will acquire a paid registration from the convention registrar as they become available.

Amount of Reimbursement

The program budget for each year is \$3,000. The budget amount will be divided amongst the MCDS members applying for reimbursement each year by the due date. The maximum reimbursement per member is \$150 per year. If any year's total reimbursements by the club are less than \$3,000, the unclaimed funds for the current year will be added into the available reimbursable funds for the next year.

Reimbursement Process

Members will submit a reimbursement form provided by the committee with a copy of their convention registration badge as proof of paid attendance. The deadline for reimbursement requests is September 1st of the year you attended. Reimbursement requests must be submitted to the MCDS treasurer by the reimbursement deadline. Reimbursements amounts are calculated based on the number of MCDS filers and the registration costs of the various conventions. Reimbursements will be paid within 30 days of the closing date for submissions by the MCDS Treasurer to filers meeting the reimbursement requirements

Reimbursement Request for AHS Convention Expenses

MCDS encourages its members to attend AHS (American Hemerocallis Society) national and regional conventions. In support of that objective, MSDC will partially reimburse its members for expenses to attend a convention.

The amount of the reimbursement depends on the number of MCDS members who apply by the reimbursement request deadline. The reimbursement budget for the year will be divided evenly between all members requesting reimbursement. Individual reimbursements will not exceed \$150.

There is no limit on the number of reimbursements per family but each member filing a reimbursement request must meet the requirements below.

Qualifying for the Reimbursement

- You must have been a paid MCDS single, dual or youth member for at least one full year prior to the convention date.
- You must be an AHS (American Hemerocallis Society) member.
- You must complete the reimbursement request and submit to the MCDS treasurer by September 1st of the year you attended
- The reimbursement must include a copy of your convention registration badge or a copy of the attendee list and a copy of your registration form.
- If your convention registration fee was waived by the AHS or Region 2 convention committee, you are not eligible for the MSDC reimbursement.

Name(s):

Address:

Attach a copy of your registration badge as proof of registration.

Email address:

Phone Number:

Due Date: Return to MCDS Treasurer by September 1st of the year you attended.