

**(1) Eligibility to apply to be a sponsored participant:**

1. Applicants should be a young investigator in an area of research or policy related to STD prevention or care. Young investigators may be students, early career professionals, or individuals moving into STD prevention or care from another field. Early career professionals should have received their latest degree within the past four years. Individuals moving into STD prevention or care from another field should have done so within the past four years.

OR

2. Applicants should be engaged in STD prevention or care work within their local community. Local community champions should be well positioned to disseminate the information learned at the 2012 National STD Prevention Conference to other colleagues within their local area.

Because the National STD Prevention Conference does not have an international focus, only domestic applicants will be considered for sponsored participation.

**(2) Full sponsored participation will cover:**

- Registration
- Accommodation at a conference hotel beginning on Monday, March 12, with a check-out date of Thursday, March 15.
- Airfare (to be reimbursed)
- The prevailing government per diem for meals and incidental expenses (to be reimbursed)

**Partial sponsored participation will cover:**

- Registration
- Accommodation at a conference hotel beginning on Monday, March 12, with a check-out date of Thursday, March 15.

\*\*Applications for partial sponsored participation are more likely to be successful.

**(3) Documentation needed from applicants:**

- A short curriculum vitae (**maximum 2 pages**)
- A one-page (**maximum**) letter covering the following points:
  - Why you merit sponsored participation for attending the conference
  - How you would benefit from and contribute to the conference
  - How you would disseminate knowledge gained to colleagues who are unable to attend
  - Whether you are applying for a full or partial sponsored participation.
  - Any other points you consider relevant to your application
- A signed letter of support from the institution where you are employed or attend school.

To be considered, applications must be submitted to [stdconf@cdc.gov](mailto:stdconf@cdc.gov) by **December 9, 2011**. Please mark the submission by including "Sponsored Participant Application" in the subject line of your email.