

Nairobi Microcredit Summit Scholarship Application

OVERVIEW

In coordination with Sam Daley-Harris, director of The Microcredit Summit Campaign, MFI Connect is working to bring a delegation of committed and motivated students to the 2010 Africa/Middle East Regional Microcredit Summit from April 5 - April 11, 2010. The MFI Connect experience will include field visits, panel sessions, workshops, brushing shoulders with inspiring microfinance professionals, and the chance for MFI Connect members to meet and work together. MFI Connect is also working with Sam Daley-Harris to create a special student session with Muhammad Yunus of Grameen Bank and Ingrid Monroe of Jamii Bora. Whether we can hold this session depends on the number of students who come to the Summit. The more students who come, the more likely we'll be able to hold this session!

A scholarship fund is being created to help students attend the Microcredit Summit. The scholarship recipients will receive support towards funding their participation in the Summit. The scholarships will cover some portion of each recipient's airfare, lodging, and conference registration.

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please fill out the following form.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants will be judged on three metrics: Innovation in, and leadership and commitment to, sustainable economic development efforts.

Only current students in the United States (undergraduates or graduates) may apply for funding. If you have questions concerning your eligibility,

please contact us at mficonnect.nairobi2010@gmail.com

APPLICATION:

(Please limit responses to 200 words.)

Name:

Email Address:

School:

Year:

Major:

Address:

Web site:

Social Media Sites (Twitter/Facebook/Linkedin, etc...):

Are you a member of MFIconnect.com? Yes/No.

If so, for how long have you been a member?

How did you find out about MFIconnect?

How often do you visit MFIconnect.com?

When visiting, what pages do you typically visit on the site?

Please attach your latest CV/resume (please limit to one page):

Please attach a letter of recommendation (no family members, please):

The scholarship is for students who have demonstrated a real commitment to the growth and strengthening of microfinance as an economic development tool. How have you and why?

Why are you interested in attending the conference?

Please contribute to both of the following forum discussions. Please link to the posts below.

Kenya Follow-Up? (<http://www.mficonnect.com/forum/topics/kenya-followup>)

Link to your post:

Changes in the Microfinance Industry?

(<http://www.mficonnect.com/forum/topics/changes-in-the-microfinance>)

Link to your post:

Is there anything else you'd like us to know?

OPTIONAL QUESTIONS:

(Your responses to these questions will not be considered when determining the recipients of scholarships, but will be helpful in further MFIconnect development.) :

Would you be interested in participating in an essay writing competition with a microfinance-based topic, if the winner's essay was posted on a leading online microfinance publication read by thousands of microfinance professionals and enthusiasts?

Would you be interested in reading periodic interviews with microfinance leaders on topics that relate to student activity in microfinance? If so, please list any individuals you'd particularly like to read interviews with.