



## Conference Scholarship Application

Dates: Oct. 2-4, 2024

The Synergy Conference is an incredible event designed to create connections that encourage collaboration, innovation and growth for people with developmental disabilities. The cost to attend Synergy is approximately \$500 per person\* (registration and hotel fees). Those interested in attending Synergy and receiving a scholarship from Riverside to assist with these fees must fill out this form and return to Patrick Kilbane by April 30. Applications will be reviewed by a committee and recipients will be notified by May 31.

### Applicant Information:

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

### Before applying for a Synergy scholarship, please note the following expectations for attendees who travel with the Riverside group\* without provider or natural support:

- Being independent without needing assistance with the following tasks:
  - Showering
  - Restroom needs
  - Dressing
  - Grooming needs
  - Eating
- Being comfortable knowing that you may be 100% alone within the hotel without someone providing general supervision support
- Being able to use cashless payment options, such as VISA gift cards, debit cards, credit cards (Attendees MUST bring a minimum of \$50 in cashless payment cover personal purchases and or meals that are not provided at the conference)
- Being responsible for your own money without assistance
- Review the Kalahari Map to understand the distance travel between conference sessions, eating locations, restroom options and entertainment options
- Traveling in a bus for over three hours with limited restroom breaks (i.e. motion sickness)
- Being on a bus with a group of people who might be loud
- Participating in the conference sessions with the expectation of attending all the sessions laid out in the agenda
- Being able to participate in a small group and with role-playing as required per session
- 1<sup>st</sup> Time Attendees: Ability to pay a \$50 non-refundable deposit toward registration (to minimize last-minute cancelations).
- Returning Attendees: Ability to pay their full registration fee (to create new opportunities for those who have never attended).

*\*Note: Anyone can attend on their own with whatever support they need. This list is for those who wish to travel with the Riverside group, without provider/natural support.*

**What does Advocacy mean to you?**

**Why do you want to attend the 2024 Synergy Conference?**

**If you have attended a Synergy Conference before, could you serve as a mentor for a person who has not previously attended?**

**Yes            No**

**If you marked "yes," how might you be able to help a new attendee?**

**Are you able to meet the expectations for attendees listed on page 1 of this application?**

**Yes            No**

**Who is your SSA? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

***Please return this completed form to Patrick Kilbane no later than April 30.  
Patrick can be reached at 937-310-3260 or [Patrick.kilbane@riversidedd.org](mailto:Patrick.kilbane@riversidedd.org).***