

**APPLICATION FOR VALE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS TO ATTEND THE
2026 COVA CONFERENCE / 38th Annual COVA Conference – Keystone Conference Center August 10 – August 12, 2026**

NAME OF YOUR AGENCY _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL(S) APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING AND TYPE OF FUNDING REQUESTED. Please note what categories you are applying for and how much you are requesting for each attendee. Information available for the conference can be found at the COVA website – www.coloradocrimevictims.org.

REGISTRATION: *Please note that all COVA Conference Scholarship Applicants are expected to be COVA Members. If you are not a COVA Member, this does not preclude you from applying for a COVA Conference scholarship through VALE, however, the VALE Board will only approve the early registration amount of \$595 which is granted to COVA Members. Non-members will be expected to use agency funds to pay for the difference between COVA Member (\$595.00) and Non-Member registration dues (\$695.00). COVA stated they will honor the Early Bird Registration rate for VALE Scholarships. Scholarship recipients may contact COVA for additional information.*

ELIGIBILITY: *Due to limited funding, the VALE Board will only consider COVA scholarship applications for a maximum of two staff or volunteers who have not attended the COVA Conference within the last year. COVA Conference attendees may request a VALE scholarship every other year. COVA Scholarships through the VALE Board are limited only to staff or volunteers who would benefit from victim service training based on their current roles and responsibilities. If you are requesting a scholarship for someone who is not currently funded through the VALE grant, please submit a copy of their job description with your scholarship application.*

MEALS / PER DIEM: *Per diem is calculated based on the GSA federal per diem rates for Summit County. COVA provides a networking lunch on Monday and a networking lunch and dinner on Tuesday at the conference. As such, per diem is limited to 2 travel days (Sunday and Wednesday) at \$69.00 per day, breakfast and dinner on Monday at \$61, and breakfast on Tuesday at \$23. [FY 2026 per diem rates for Keystone, Colorado | GSA](#)*

LODGING: *Pick one of the following lodging options for each person listed on the application. Due to limited lodging, please try to have attendees share rooms if possible. The federal lodging rate for Summit County, Colorado is \$162.00 per night. As such, the VALE Board will not approve lodging costs that exceed the federal lodging rate for an individual person. At least two people must be staying in a double or two-bedroom condo. Similarly, three people must be staying in a three-bedroom condo, if requested. If you do not specify which hotel and room-type the attendee is wishing to stay in during the conference, the VALE Board will not be able to approve a lodging scholarship for the listed attendee.*

Keystone Resorts

- Keystone Lodge (Single or Double) \$165.00/night
- Studio Condo \$165.00/night
- One-bedroom Condo \$178.00/night
- Two-bedroom Condo \$274.00/night
- Three-bedroom Condo \$317.00/night

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed for funding.

Attendee and Job Title	List years attended COVA (if any)	Early Registration \$595/person for COVA Members	Per Diem Maximum = \$222.00 *See Meals/ Per Diem for details	Lodging: Surcharge and local taxes may be included. \$50.00 deposit may not be included in request
Name: Job Title:				Amount Requested: Calculation: Lodging Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double <input type="checkbox"/> Three Bedroom
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TOTALS PER CATEGORY:				
TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL FUNDING REQUESTED				

1. Are you a COVA member? YES ____ NO ____

2. Would you be able to attend this conference without scholarship funds? YES ____ NO ____

3. Have you attempted to secure funding from your agency? YES ____ NO ____ If you were denied funding, why were you denied?

4. Please explain how each applicant will benefit from this training:

Attendee Name	Anticipated Benefit

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TO APPLICANTS REQUESTING FUNDING:

- If approved, the **registration check will be made payable to your organization**. If this is not what your organization desires, please let us know.
- If approved, **the lodging checks will be made payable to your organization**. If this is not what your organization desires, please let us know.
- If approved, **the per diem checks will be made out to the individuals** requesting scholarships from your organization. If this is not what your organization desires, please let us know.

TO ALL APPLICANTS:

- After April 24, 2026 all applications that have been submitted are final. You may not request VALE funding for additional attendees that were not originally included in your application. **If your agency experiences any cancellations, agencies may be able to transfer the scholarship to another staff member who meets the eligibility requirements. Please contact the VALE Administrator if you would like to request a scholarship transfer.**
- Funding Priority: The VALE Board will prioritize scholarships for individuals who provide direct victim services.
- The VALE Board will request receipts or other documentation from your agency after the conference. Please make sure this information is readily available.
- Please contact the VALE Administrator, Amber Holland, with any questions.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN APRIL 24, 2026 AT 5 P.M. TO:

**AMBER HOLLAND
OFFICE OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY
105 E. VERMIJO, SUITE 111
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80903
PHONE: 719-520-6723
FAX: 719-520-6172
E-MAIL: amberholland@da4colorado.gov**

REQUESTS RECEIVED AFTER APRIL 24, 2026 WILL NOT BE PROCESSED

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