



AYP CHAPTER 44

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A Message from the President,

Please plan to attend the Dakota Alliance Annual Fall meeting. This years event will be held in Minot on October 7th, 8th, and 9th. The event will kick off the evening of Wednesday, October 7th with a dinner, EAF Silent Auction, and AYP Awards. Thursday will be a full day with great speakers and training opportunities, followed by the Minot Y's Men's Rodeo that evening. Friday will conclude the conference with speakers and activities that morning. We hope to see you there! Please use the link below to register for the conference.

<http://events.SignUp4.net/Dakotastaffconf09>

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND

If you or an AYP member you know has a financial crisis, AYP is ready to help.

For more than a century the Emergency Assistance Fund has provided financial aid when an accident, illness, death of a loved one, disaster or other crisis strikes. Grants of up to \$10,000 are made to active and retired Y professionals, as well as immediate dependant family members. No individual may receive a grant greater than \$10,000 in one year.

The Fund is supported exclusively by the very people it helps - YMCA professionals. More than 2,000 active Y professionals and retirees contribute to the Fund each year.

The current criteria for qualification are:

- Applicant must have been a member of **AYP/NAFYR** for the past six **full** months (active or retired) or an immediate dependent family member.
- Medical Expenses - Persons incurring medical expenses beyond provisions of their health insurance coverage or other related expenses which result in an extreme economic hardship.
- Catastrophe - Persons who experience economic distress as a result of acts of nature (fire, flood, wind, earthquake, etc.) or other catastrophic events (accident, crime, etc.)
- Involuntary Separation - **This basis of need is restricted to members with more than five years of YMCA employment.** Persons who have exercised all of their options for separation benefits or unemployment insurance, or were denied separation benefits upon release and are experiencing continuing economic hardship.

Emergency - As the name of the fund implies, the need must have resulted from an "unforeseen event" and not from an exercise of "personal choice."

How to report someone in need, including yourself - Anyone may request a grant for eligible persons. If you know of someone in need, simply contact your chapter president; the chapter president passes that informaton on to the [Regional Officers](#). The regional chair will review and sign off on it and either email or fax it on to the AYP National Office. We send it out to the Support Services Committee for review. An approved grant is overnighted to the grantee or requisitor seven days after the committee has received it. Questions and/or back-up information will be asked by the committee if the need arises. **Back-up information for any grant request is necessary.**

If the aid required does not exceed \$500, [chapter presidents](#) may authorize grants and a check is immediately sent from the AYP Office.

If the need is greater than \$500, the regional chair reviews the request and refers it to the AYP Support Services Committee for review. A check is mailed, usually within seven days.

How to support the Fund - You may contribute to the Fund today by making a donation on-line using a credit card or by mailing a check to:

**AYP Executive Office
12 Broad Street, Suite 2-1
Westerly, RI 02891**

[Contribute On-line to the 2009 Annual EAF Campaign](#) by visiting

<http://www.aypymca.org/eaf.htm>

MEMBER NEWS

Here is the Chapter 44 Board roster for the 2009-2011

Triennium:

Congratulations to the following officers!

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**PLEASE NOMINATE ONE OF YOUR
FELLOW YMCA COLLEAGUES FOR AN AWARD!**

**Nomination Deadline is September 18th, 2009
Please e-mail nominations to roger@rcymca.org**

AYP Annual Chapter Awards– A message from Roger Gallimore, Recognition Chair

YMCA professionals are notorious for being generous, giving and compassionate. YMCA professionals are also known for being humble. After all, the life of a YMCA professional is spent lifting others up for recognition. Whether it is recognizing a great volunteer or a hard-working staff, YMCA professionals seem to always avoid the personal spotlight.

Until now.....

Through the annual AYP Chapter Awards you can lift up our profession and recognize those colleagues that exemplify all we do in the YMCA. Nominations are being taken for the Mission Focus Award, Professional Achievement Award, Program Achievement Award, Rising Star Award and the Don Kerr Award of Excellence. Nominations must be received by recognition chair, Roger Gallimore, by September 18. For more information about this great opportunity, please contact Roger at roger@rcymca.org.

Don Kerr Award of Excellence– for a YMCA Executive Director, Associate Executive Director, Senior Program Director, Chief Operating Officer, or Program Executive Director.

Rising Star Award– for a YMCA professional who has given outstanding service during his/her first six months to two year of YMCA professional leadership.

Program Achievement of the Year– To recognize a YMCA Program Director who achieved notable program development excellence this past year.

Professional Achievement of the Year –To recognize a YMCA professional in business, membership, marketing, property management, financial development, human resources or technology who achieved notable professional excellence this past year.

YMCA Mission Focus Award—To recognize a YMCA professional who exemplifies the YMCA mission and character of the YMCA movement.

ALL NOMINEES MUST

1. Be a current member of AYP
2. Consistently exhibit YMCA Core Values and strongly advocate the YMCA Mission
3. Have shown the highest level of leadership during this past year in the particular award which they are nominated for.

To nominate please include the following– No more that 2 pages.

1. Your name
2. Nominee's Name
3. Nominee's position Title
4. YMCA
5. The award for which the nomination is being made
6. A list of achievements in the last year related to the award
7. Summary of why this person should receive the award