

Thank you for your interest in attending [Animal Care Expo 2019](#). Scholarships are being made possible by Maddie's Fund, Petco Foundation and the [Humane Society of the United States](#) and are open to applicants within the United States and U.S. territories. The application deadline is Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Please direct questions to krakovan@humanesociety.org.

Before beginning this application process please do the following:

- Review the [scholarship information and requirements document](#)
- To help determine your scholarship request amount, view our [hotels page](#) and [registration rates page](#)
- Have a [signed agreement letter](#)
- Have an [IRS determination letter](#) (for exempt organizations) or a [federal tax identification number](#) (for government entities)

If selected to receive a scholarship you will need to provide the following:

- A completed [EFT authorization form](#)
- A voided check from your organization
- Your organization's [W-9 form](#) (you must use this updated version)



Organization Name *

Fort Bend County - Fort Bend County Animal Services

Organization Website *

www.fortbendcountytx.gov

Organization Address 1 *

401 Jackson Street

Organization Address 2


Organization City *

Richmond

Organization State or U.S. territory *

Texas 

Organization Zip Code *

77469 

Organization Type *

Public animal shelter 

Personal Information

First Name *

Rene

Last Name *

Vasquez

Email Address *

rene.vasquez@fortbendcountytx.gov

Scholarship Request

Scholarships may be used for conference registration, accommodations at an Animal Care Expo partner hotel, travel costs, meals or any other cost related to attending the conference.

Have you ever attended Animal Care Expo? *

Have you previously been awarded a scholarship to attend Animal Care Expo? *

Yes

No

Has anyone from your organization ever attended Animal Care Expo? *

What scholarship amount are you requesting? *

Does this amount need to pay for your conference registration? If so, it will be deducted from the scholarship amount *

Yes, deduct full-conference registration plus a Learning Lab from this amount (\$275)



Please explain why you are requesting this amount *

Oftentimes, we have to choose carefully which conferences and continuing education opportunities our staff can attend because of budgetary constraints and we hope that by being awarded a scholarship to attend Expo we will be able to maximize our attendance at the conference this year while our shelter is looking to improve and expand on our programs.

List and describe specific goals you hope to accomplish by attending Animal Care Expo 2019 *

Learn how to improve on and maximize our Foster program.
Begin to develop a plan to increase our presence in our underserved communities to work with them to keep their pets in their homes.
Expand our knowledge base on the latest information on Animal Care and Control.

List an accomplishment of your organization that you are proud of *

We are very proud of the implementation of our pilot TNR/SNR Program in June, 2018 which has allowed us to pass the 90% save rate mark for the fourth consecutive month in November 2018.

Would you like to submit an application for a second person? Each organization may submit up to three applicants. *

Your organization may apply for additional people now or separately at another time using a new form as long as the total number of does not exceed three.

Yes

No

What is something that you think your organization can improve upon? *

I believe we can improve on our communication with our community and our volunteer base. I am always looking for new ways and new trends to see us through the next phase of our shelter improving on itself.

How do you anticipate that the information you gain at Animal Care Expo 2019 could be utilized by your organization? *

I would like to expand our reach into the community and information from the sessions both from the Leadership and Progressive Programs tracks will be where I will be focusing my energy during Expo.

How will this opportunity enhance your overall professional development? *

I feel that attending Expo in 2019 will be a very critical step in being able to connect with leaders and experts from across the county who can help us move forward in an even more positive direction with our shelter. Learning from these individuals will allow me to be grow as a Director and as a leader for our shelter. |

Would you like to submit an application for a second person? Each organization may submit up to three applicants. *

Your organization may apply for additional people now or separately at another time using a new form as long as the total number of does not exceed three.

Yes

No

Second Person's Information

First Name *

Barbara

Last Name *

Vass

Email Address *

barbara.vass@fortbendcountytexas.gov

Second Person's Scholarship Request

Scholarships may be used for conference registration, accommodations at an Animal Care Expo partner hotel, travel costs, meals or any other cost related to attending the conference.

Have you ever attended Animal Care Expo? *

Yes



Have you previously been awarded a scholarship to attend Animal Care Expo? *

Yes

No

Has anyone from your organization ever attended Animal Care Expo? *

Yes




What scholarship amount are you requesting? *

\$1,500



Does this amount need to pay for your conference registration? If so, it will be deducted from the scholarship amount *

Yes, deduct full-conference registration plus a Learning Lab from this amount (\$275) 

Please explain why you are requesting this amount *

We would like to be able to cover the cost of the full conference plus Learning Lab as well as the airfare and hotel fees to help offset our conference budget so that we may be able to fully take advantage of everything that the conference has to offer in 2019.

List and describe specific goals you hope to accomplish by attending Animal Care Expo 2019 *

Develop a more sustainable fundraising and marketing program to highlight the needs of our pets and how we can reach more of our very diverse community.
Expand our volunteer program to include younger participants in our program and see how they can help us reach out to the community by documenting their volunteering experience on their social

social media applications.

Work on utilizing more of our data in ways that we haven't before to maximize our lifesaving capabilities in the shelter and communicate that information to the community we serve.

List an accomplishment of your organization that you are proud of *

Since a change in management and philosophy almost 4 years ago, we have gone from an overall save rate of less than 30% to maintaining a 90% or better save rate for the last 4 months. The save rate for our dogs has been over 90% for the last 2 years, plus some.

What is something that you think your organization can improve upon? *

We can improve on our intake prevention program in that we really don't have one right now. Learning how other organizations employ a program to keep pets in their homes and out of the shelter will allow us to start to develop a program of our own.

How do you anticipate that the information you gain at Animal Care Expo 2019 could be utilized by your organization? *

As in the past, we take away a lot of information and then we are able to use it in a number of ways to make changes. This year, we are focused on a new programs to keep us moving forward and the schedule seems tailor-made to what we are trying to achieve next at FBCAS.

How will this opportunity enhance your overall professional development? *

We always have the opportunity to meet new people and I think that is the key in being able to affect real change. This industry is always changing and evolving and being able to be in the same room with such a myriad of people and experiences can only serve to improve on what we are trying to do.

Would you like to submit an application for a third person? Each organization may submit up to three applicants. *

Yes

No

Upload Documents

Upload a signed agreement letter for applicant one *

Files must be less than 2 MB.

Allowed file types: pdf doc docx.

Upload a signed agreement letter for applicant two (if applicable)

Files must be less than 2 MB.

Allowed file types: pdf doc docx.

Upload a signed agreement letter for applicant three (if applicable)

Files must be less than 2 MB.

Allowed file types: pdf doc docx.

Upload an IRS determination or tax identification number *

Exempt organizations should upload an IRS determination letter. Governmental agencies should upload their federal tax identification number (such as their W-9). You must use the October 2018 revised version of the W-9 which can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>.

Files must be less than 2 MB.

Allowed file types: pdf doc docx.