

General Information for Submitting Workshop Application

Hello Self-Advocates – It's Conference time again and we hope this year's workshops will be even better than last year's if that's even possible!

The theme of this conference as the title refers to is about standing up for what **You** believe in and deciding how **You** want to lead your life and what decisions **You** want to make.

The workshops are one of the primary components of the conference, given by self-advocates and focused on an assortment of topics whether it be how to learn about oneself through poetry or what's new in the world of assistive technology or learn how to sky dive or learn about different sexual identities, or how to get involved in legislative issues or why it's important to vote or dating issues or transportation problems. There is no right or wrong idea for a workshop. It just needs to be a topic that you think is informative and educational.

Think outside of the box and go for it!

Remember:

- ***Role of the Self-Advocate(s)***: The Role of the Self-Advocate is critical to each workshop. Self-Advocate(s) must be the main presenter. They are the ones that will be leading the workshops and be the main contributors.

- ***Role of the Support person(s)***: The Role of the Support Person(s) is to share the responsibilities of the presentation with the Self-Advocates. The support person(s) should be a guide to the Self-Advocates. Being a Self-Advocacy organization, it is important the Self-Advocates be the key contributors during the presentation.

Once all applications are received, the Conference Planning Committee and the M.A.S.S. Board will review them to decide which workshops will be accepted at the conference.

Please note that we are limited in rooms and **cannot** accept all workshop applications.

Completed workshops are due **Friday, June 28, 2019**. If you have any questions please e-mail info@ma-advocates.org or call Marie at the MASS office – 617-624-7549.