



Karin Decker Noss Scholarship to attend the 2026 METAvivor Stage IV Stampede & Summit

VBCF's Karin Decker Noss Scholarships are provided to fund training for selected participants in medical research and legislative advocacy to carry on the work that Karin Decker Noss, a dedicated board member and former VBCF president, began. This scholarship program encourages increased knowledge and education related to breast cancer, resulting in stronger breast cancer advocacy and more involvement in VBCF's advocacy program. Applicants must be volunteers who live in Virginia.

The [METAvivor Stage IV Stampede & Summit](#) is held in Washington, D.C., to honor National Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day and channel the passion of those who are impacted by metastatic breast cancer. It provides a platform for a national grassroots movement to raise awareness of metastatic (stage IV) breast cancer, educate policymakers about the challenges faced by affected individuals, and advocate for advancing medical research and improving care.

2026 Scholarship Award Details

A limited number of reimbursable scholarships will be awarded to help participants defray the following expenses to attend the [2026 Metavivor Stampede and Summit, October 5-6, 2026 in Washington, DC](#):

- **Up to 2 nights of hotel at conference room rate or comparable.** * *Important Note: The deadline to reserve a hotel room at the conference rate is September 11, 2026.*
- **Transportation to/from Washington, DC:** Train fare or driving mileage (*reimbursed at the 2026 IRS charitable volunteer rate of \$0.14/mile*)

The amount of each scholarship will vary based on individual needs and the total number of applicants, but will not exceed \$700.00.

Eligibility:

- Must be a Stage IV breast cancer thriver residing in Virginia

Commitment

Recipients of the Karin Decker Noss Scholarship are required to:

- Attend both days of the 2026 METAvivor Stampede & Summit, Oct 5-6th
- Submit a short written reflection about the Stampede & Summit and what you learned for VBCF's E-News, website, and/or newsletter within 30 days of attending
- Stay involved in VBCF's advocacy work in the 12 months following the Stampede & Summit. *(This could include attending VBCF's State Breast Cancer Advocacy Day in early 2027 - date TBD, acting on VBCF Advocacy Alerts as needed, attending the National Breast Cancer Coalition's National Summit and Lobby Day with VBCF as your availability allows).*

Reimbursement Process

Expense receipts must be submitted within 30 days of the conference. Expenses will be reimbursed via check within 30 days after receipts are submitted. Receipts can be mailed or emailed to: Kirsta Millar at kirsta@vbcf.org or 2821 Emerywood Parkway, Suite 203, Richmond, VA 23294.

To Apply

Fill out this online [application](#). Applications are due **by July 31, 2026**. Recipients will be notified by August 14, 2026.

Questions? Kirsta Millar, VBCF Director of Policy, kirsta@vbcf.org or 804-285-1200 ext. 203.

Disclaimer: The METAvivor Stampede is not a VBCF event and we will not be in attendance.