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ASPEN IDEAS HEALTH

Submit Your Nomination Today for Aspen Ideas: Health Scholars

The Colorado Health Foundation is proud to support an Aspen Institute scholarship program for the upcoming Aspen Ideas Festival. The program, [Aspen Ideas: Health Scholars](#), is an opportunity for individuals to attend the Festival and participate in [one of the health program tracks](#). The three-day health conference—held June 20-23 in Aspen, Colorado—features an exceptional mix of inspiring and provocative experts who will dive into topics of medicine and health. Attendees will also be provided opportunities for networking, outdoor adventure, films and other cultural offerings.

Scholars must meet all aspects of our Aspen Ideas: Health Scholar selection criteria:

- Each scholar must be an emerging young leader, generally in their 30s, but under 40 years old.
- Each scholar must be a Colorado resident.
- All scholars should be ethnically and/or socioeconomically diverse.
- Each scholar should have a background that is in line with at least one of the 2019 Aspen Ideas: Health tracks.
- Scholars must be first-time attendees to Aspen Ideas: Health and the Aspen Ideas Festival. No former speakers, scholars or attendees will be accepted.

The scholarship includes travel reimbursement, lodging for four nights during the conference and an Aspen Ideas Festival pass. Members of the medical community can receive Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) credits by attending the Aspen Ideas: Health conference through a partnership with the Annenberg Center for Health Sciences at Eisenhower.

[Submit a nomination application](#) no later than April 15. Visit [Aspen Ideas: Health](#) to learn more. Questions? Contact [Alex Turnacliif](#), Colorado Health Foundation associate communications officer, at 303-953-3638.



2019 Colorado Health Symposium

Submit your 2019 Colorado Health Symposium [fellowship applications](#) and [exchange session proposals](#) by tomorrow, March 27.

[Learn...](#)



Listening to Coloradans

A new Foundation survey brief highlights perspectives of Coloradans living on low income when it comes to the economy, housing and health care.

[Read...](#)



Symposium Unplugged Coming to Glenwood Springs April 26

Colorado is facing a behavioral health crisis, with far too many Coloradans—especially those living on lower incomes—lacking access to the care they need to be mentally well.

At [Symposium Unplugged: Innovating for Behavioral Health Care Access](#), you'll hear how communities are stepping up and driving solutions to increase access to resources for those who need it the most. We will explore case studies and hear from experts on how innovations are developed and implemented to increase access to behavioral health care.

Who should attend? Individuals working in the behavioral health care sector; policymakers and elected officials; local businesses interested in the intersection of community and behavioral health care; in addition to public safety and public health professionals.

Location: [Morgridge Commons](#), 815 Cooper Ave., 2nd floor, Glenwood Springs, Colorado 81601

Date: Friday, April 26

Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Breakfast and lunch will be provided)

This event is free to attend and open to the public. Spanish interpretation will be provided onsite.

[Register now](#) to attend in-person or join our [event livestream](#).



New Partnership Will Bring High-quality Health Journalism to Colorado

The Foundation, The Colorado Trust and KFF (the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation) [are partnering](#) to bring Kaiser Health News (KHN) to Colorado. KFF—the trusted source of health policy information—produces health policy analysis, polling and journalism, and KHN is its editorially independent national health and health policy newsroom, producing in-depth news coverage of health care policy and politics.

As a result of the new long-term partnership, KFF will hire a Colorado-based KHN reporter and recruit a team of freelance journalists throughout the state to bring the same high-quality health journalism to Colorado and the surrounding region that KHN produces at a national level. In addition, this partnership will also share important stories from Colorado and the region with the nation. Media outlets—throughout Colorado, the mountain states and the country—will have the opportunity to reproduce KHN stories through their publication.

[Read a recent press release](#) to learn more. Questions? Contact [Taryn Fort](#), senior director of communications, at 303-953-3666.



Foundation Partners with Accion for Small Business Event in Pueblo

At the Foundation, we believe individual health and community health are interdependent, with each reinforcing the other. We also believe that nurturing the creativity, resiliency and potential in all of us is key to building and maintaining healthy, vibrant places.

With this in mind, last year we [invested \\$2.75 million in the nonprofit lending network Accion](#) as part of our overall strategy to bring health in reach for all Coloradans. Accion, the nation's largest community development finance institution (CDFI), is using these resources to scale their outreach efforts and lending to entrepreneurs throughout Colorado. Small business loans underwritten by the Foundation will prioritize rural communities, entrepreneurs of color and individuals with low-to-moderate income.

One way Accion is beginning to broaden its reach across the state is by holding a series of networking Bridge and Bond events focused on starting or growing a small business. The first of these events took place Feb. 20 in Pueblo and featured several group breakout sessions on topics ranging from "Understanding Financial Statements and Cash

Flow” to “Social Media, Marketing and Advertising.”

In addition to Accion, we'd like to thank the Pueblo Latino Chamber of Commerce and NeighborWorks Southern Colorado for their help in making the launch of this series a success. More Bridge and Bond events are set to follow later this year in the Foundation's other [locally-focused communities](#).

Our support of Accion is based on an understanding that increasing economic opportunity for communities in need is an important part of advancing health equity. As Senior Program Officer Chris Smith put it in a [recent article about the partnership](#): “We have to acknowledge that low incomes and lack of financial stability... are a substantial contributor to poor health outcomes.”

For more information on this partnership, contact [Ben L. Bynum, MD](#), portfolio director of program related investments.

Mark Your Calendar

[BUILD Health Challenge 2019 Applications Due](#)

April 5, 2019

[Aspen Ideas: Health Scholars Nomination Applications Due](#)

April 15, 2019

[Symposium Unplugged: Innovating for Behavioral Health Care Access](#)

April 26, 2019

[Next Grant Application Deadlines](#)

June 15, 2019

Oct. 15, 2019

Feb. 15, 2020

[Colorado Health Symposium](#)

July 24-26, 2019

The Foundation in the News

[ESSAY: At the Junction of Poverty and Opportunity](#), *Pagosa Daily Post* (3/22)

[Nonprofit looks at ways to improve housing options for those in need](#), *Durango Herald*
(3/21)

[Media: Colorado Public Radio buys Denverite. Everyone's excited](#), *The Colorado Independent* (3/8)

[Southeast Colorado Springs park to get \\$1.3M makeover](#), *Colorado Springs Gazette* (3/6)

[Entrepreneurship as a Path to Health?](#) *Shelterforce* (3/6)

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