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The Rance R. Willis Planner Development Scholarship program is named in honor of our 1989 Sam Gilmer Planner of the Year awardee and national president from 1991-1993. The Society of Government Meeting Professionals (SGMP) Gilmer Institute of Learning provides financial assistance to meeting planner members attending the National Education Conference (NEC). Scholarship awards are available to eligible planners from revenue raised through the Silent Auction held at NEC. Scholarships are awarded on a point-based system as evaluated by the Gilmer Institute of Learning Trustees, and the number of scholarships awarded is based on available funding. Scholarships may cover part, or all of a planner's registration, travel, or lodging expenses to the 2025 National Education Conference.

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Thank you again for your support of SGMP's scholarship program!

Sincerely,

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