

Tips on Self-Funding Your Trip to Washington:

- 1. Apply for a grant from a local or campus disability organization, including State Councils & Centers for Independent Living.**
- 2. Contact your local service organizations, such as Rotary, Lions, etc., to see if they might offer a grant or scholarship.**

Most grant requests should include 1) a cover letter describing the conference and why it is important for you to attend and 2) a complete proposed budget. Be sure to emphasize what you and others will get out of your attendance.

- 3. Write a letter to local businesses describing the Symposium and explaining why this trip is important to you; ask if they can help with costs.**
- 4. Organize your own fundraiser. With the help of family and friends, something as simple as a bake sale, car wash or yard sale can help defray your travel costs.**