



President  
**Barbara J. Easterling**

Secretary-Treasurer  
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January 5, 2010

Dear State Presidents and Regional Board members,

I am very pleased to announce the creation of Alliance for Retired Americans' **Community-Based Scholarship Program!** As a part of an organization-wide effort to promote inclusion of our community-based membership, the Community-Based Scholarship Program has been established to increase access to national conferences and conventions for our community-based members. The first scholarships in this ongoing program will be awarded for attendance at the Alliance convention in Las Vegas, NV on April 5-8, 2010.

For the 2010 Alliance convention, the Community-Based Scholarship Program will award ten (10) scholarships of \$1000 and waived convention registration to community-based members of the national Alliance. Scholarship applications for the 2010 national Alliance convention are due **February 15, 2010**. Complete applications should include a completed application form (enclosed) and a description of the applicant's current and future involvement in the Alliance and other work to improve the lives of seniors (no longer than one page). The members of the CAN Board of the national Alliance will then review the applications and contact scholarship recipients by March 1, 2010.

Enclosed is a comprehensive explanation of the Community-Based Scholarship Program and a blank scholarship application form. In addition, I will host a conference call on **January 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm EST** to further explain the Community-Based Scholarship Program and answer any questions. If you or someone from your state Alliance would like to participate in the conference call, please call 1-866-285-7778, access code 405-2803. For specific questions and other information, you may also contact Sarah Meek at [smeek@retiredamericans.org](mailto:smeek@retiredamericans.org) or (202) 637-5194.

I look forward to speaking with you on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith G. Cato".

Judith G. Cato, Executive Vice President

