



WHY SLIDING SCALE TICKET PRICING?

We believe that sliding scale pricing is essential in creating a welcoming, inclusive, and diverse event for all participants. It reflects the Foundation's commitment to closing the opportunity gap and ensuring that no one is unable to attend due to financial constraints. Barriers to affordability may affect women more than men, LGBTQ+ more than straight allies, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) more than others, and people with disabilities more than those without.

Here's why it's important:

Financial Accessibility: Sliding scale pricing allows individuals from diverse financial backgrounds to participate in our event. By providing a range of ticket prices, we acknowledge that everyone's financial situation is unique, and we aim to remove barriers that may prevent someone from attending.

Inclusivity and Diversity: By implementing sliding scale pricing, we foster a diverse and inclusive community. It allows individuals from different socioeconomic backgrounds to come together, share experiences, and contribute their perspectives. This enriches the overall event atmosphere and promotes a sense of belonging for all attendees.

Empowerment and Autonomy: Sliding scale pricing empowers individuals to make a choice that aligns with their financial capabilities and provides the autonomy to select a ticket price they can comfortably afford. This promotes a sense of dignity and respect, enabling individuals to participate without feeling excluded or judged.

Paying It Forward: Sliding scale pricing not only benefits those who require financial flexibility but also offers an opportunity for those who can afford it to support others. Through higher-priced ticket options, individuals can choose to *pay it forward*, sponsoring the cost of attendance for someone who may otherwise be unable to join. This collective generosity strengthens our community.