

# 34th Annual Debtors Anonymous World Service Conference

*“Trusting Our Traditions”*

**Wednesday, August 12, through  
Sunday, August 16, 2020**

**Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott  
1 Hotel Rd  
Newark, NJ 07114**

## Registration Packet

### The D.A. World Service Conference

The World Service Conference (WSC) is the annual business meeting of Debtors Anonymous. It is where General Service Representatives (GSR's), Intergroup Service Representatives (ISR's), and the General Service Board (GSB) Trustees gather to review the state of the D.A. Fellowship, work on topics like new D.A. literature concepts and new outreach methods, and vote on important issues affecting D.A. as a whole. Every registered D.A. group, including Intergroups, may send one representative to the WSC.

This document contains the information delegates need to register for the Conference, and provides information that will help groups prepare for sending a representative to the Conference, including a spending plan worksheet, or for attending as a remote participant.

### Learn about the Conference: Pre-Conference Orientation Calls

All Conference attendees are encouraged to attend one or both of the pre-Conference orientation calls:

**Dates:** Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, July 26, 2020  
**Time:** 1:00–2:30 pm USA Eastern time (UTC-5)  
**Dial-in Number:** (605) 472-5540  
**Access Code:** 617093

International phone numbers (and online access) are available at [www.debtorsanonymous.org/call-in-access](http://www.debtorsanonymous.org/call-in-access)

#### Remote Participation Trial

The 2020 World Service Conference will include a remote participation trial (RPT) comprised of up to eight remote participants who represent D.A. groups outside of North America.

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## Important Dates and Deadlines

Issues & Concerns submissions due via <a href="https://debtorsanonymous.org/inc">debtorsanonymous.org/inc</a>	Apr 1
John H. Scholarship application deadline	Apr 21
John H. Scholarship recipients notified by	May 8
2022-23 Host City bids due—info at <a href="https://debtorsanonymous.org/hostwsc">debtorsanonymous.org/hostwsc</a>	July 1
Conference Early Registration Discount Deadline	July 7
Guest registration Deadline for Fellowship Day Lunch and Gala Dinner	July 21
Conference Registration Final Deadline (with additional fees)	July 21
Hotel reservation deadline (sleeping rooms)	July 30*

\* There is a limited number of rooms available and they will likely sell out, so please make hotel reservations early.

# Conference Registration Information

## Conference Registration and Payment

1. **Registration.** To register for the Conference, you must either:
  - Register online, at  
<https://www.debtorsanonymous.org/wsc2020registration>
  - or
  - Mail the forms on pages 4-5 of this packet to the General Service Office.
2. **Group Number.** You must provide your **group number** when registering. To locate your group number, use the "Find a Meeting" page on the D.A. website: <https://debtorsanonymous.org/find-meetings>
3. **Payment.** Whether you register online or via postal mail, payment is by check only (*International delegates* please see note below\*). Send payment to:
  - 2020 WSC - Registration
  - P.O. Box 920888
  - Needham, MA 02492-0009

**Include the PAYMENT FORM on Page 5 with your payment.**

\**International delegates*: After registering, email [2020WSC@debtorsanonymous.org](mailto:2020WSC@debtorsanonymous.org) to make arrangements to pay via a funds transfer.
4. **Hotel reservation and payment.** You must make your own reservation with the hotel for your sleeping room, and **pay the hotel directly**; it is recommended that you get a confirmation from the hotel. Do not send hotel payments to the GSO. See page 7.
5. **Registration Confirmation.** Confirmation of your registration will be sent by email. If you do not receive confirmation by July 14, please contact the GSO.
6. **Refunds.** To request a refund for Conference registration and meals (not your own travel-related or hotel expenses), notify the General Service Office via email at: [2020WSC@debtorsanonymous.org](mailto:2020WSC@debtorsanonymous.org) or telephone (781-453-2743) by 4:00 pm Eastern time, Monday, July 15, 2020.
7. **Meals.** Meals will be served buffet style. There will be vegan and gluten-free selections at each meal.
8. **Terms and Conditions.** By submitting a completed registration form, online or via postal mail, you consent to the terms herein.

## World Service Conference Registration Policies

1. **Registration Fee**
  - a. The Registration Fee covers the expenses of conducting the World Service Conference (WSC), and must be received by the General Service Office (GSO) by the deadline printed in the Registration Packet.
  - b. The Conference meal plan is included in the Registration Fee, and is not optional. The plan includes all meals from dinner on Wednesday through breakfast on Sunday, except dinner on Friday, for which no meal is offered, and dinner at the Saturday Gala, for which a separate fee is required.
  - c. The Registration Fee is not pro-ratable for delegates that do not attend all days of the Conference, or for delegates that do not attend all meals.
2. **Registration Cancellation and Refund Policy**
  - a. A registered delegate can cancel their Conference registration and receive a full refund of any previously paid registration fees, by notifying the GSO, via email or phone, up to 28 days prior to the start of the Conference. This pertains to the Registration Fee only; it does not apply to delegates' travel or hotel expenses.
  - b. Refunds will be issued via check, within 30 days of the date the refund request is received by the GSO.
3. **Registration Transfer**
  - a. A registered delegate can only transfer a paid registration to a delegate who will take the place as representative of that same group (as listed by group number in the registration).

#### 4. Extenuating Circumstances and Participation in a Conference Committee

- a. When a registered, returning General Service Representative (GSR) or Intergroup Service Representative (ISR) is unable to attend the WSC due to extenuating circumstances that occur within the two-week period preceding the Conference, the GSR or ISR may participate as a voting member of a WSC committee during the Conference year that follows, provided that: 1) It is the same Committee for which they served in the previous Conference year, and 2) the newly formed Committee unanimously approves the participation of the GSR/ISR.

### Additional Remote Participant Registration Policies

1. The Conference and Technology Committees, in consultation with the Board's Conference Support Committee, shall arrange for up to eight GSRs or ISRs from meetings outside North America to participate as voting delegates to the 2020 WSC.
  - a. Remote delegates will have access to attend all General Assembly sessions, as well as all committee and caucus sessions of their choice. They will have the same duty to participate in a WSC committee as any other GSR or ISR, both during the Conference and throughout the year, and the same right to participate in a caucus.
  - b. All possible steps shall be taken to protect the anonymity of delegates, including requiring those participating remotely to certify that they can call in from a room or location that will remain free from entry by non-delegates while the delegate is online.
  - c. If possible, remote participants will be enabled to see conference materials that are projected on a screen for in-person delegates, as well as images of any handouts. Each committee and caucus may make its own decision whether to use video or audio-only communications with any remote participants.
  - d. Remote Trial Participants will be assigned a Conference Liaison to conduct the group conferencing (likely on Zoom), to note if a Remote Trial Participant virtually "raises a hand" to speak and ensure a place in the queue for that to occur, and to report Remote Trial Participant votes at Convocation, as well as to answer any questions and help facilitate remote participation.
  - e. As this is a trial, it cannot be guaranteed that there won't be technical or other issues. If each participating delegate can communicate their needs, scheduling intentions and issues, and overall experience to the Conference Liaison throughout the Conference it will aid in developing the process for remote participation.
2. **Registration Cancellation and Refund Policy**
  - a. If a Remote Trial Participant cannot access the Conference due to connectivity or other technological issues, they can request a refund and the DA-GSB will consider the request and make a determination. There is no guarantee of refund and DA-GSB, Inc is not financially responsible for connectivity and technological issues. Every effort will be made to ensure remote access to the Conference.

### Fees

#### 1. Registration Fee and Meal Plan

The Registration Fee for face-to-face attendees includes the meal plan. The meal plan includes: Four breakfasts (Thurs.–Sun.), three lunches (Thu. – Sat.), and two dinners (Wed. and Thurs.). The meal plan is not optional and does not include the Gala Dinner.

- **Early Registration Fee:** Online or postmarked on or before July 7, 2020 **\$755.00**
- **Late Registration Fee:** Online or postmarked after June 30 to July 21, 2020 **\$855.00**

#### 2. Gala Dinner / Talent Show / Dance (*Not included in registration fee or meal plan*) **\$60.00**

#### 3. Fellowship Day (*Not included in registration fee.*) **\$15.00**

**Note regarding Fellowship Day:** There is a cost to guests for the lunch in addition to the suggested contribution for Fellowship Day. No guest will be turned away from the sessions on Fellowship Day for lack of funds.

**Note regarding guests:** To register a guest for the Fellowship Day sessions, lunch, or the Gala, use the Guest Registration Form on page 14.

#### 4. Remote Trial Participant Registration Fee (due by July 21, 2020) **\$350.00**

The Registration Fee for remote trial participants covers Zoom Videoconferencing costs, meals and parking for Remote Trial Liaisons, and administrative expenses involved in producing a World Service Conference.

# Conference Registration Form for GSRs, ISRs, and Trustees

(Register online or mail this form)

**2020 D.A. World Service Conference (WSC), August 12-16, 2020**

(Keep a copy of this page for your records.)

First name:		Last name:	
Address:			
City:	State/Prov.	Country:	Postal code:
Home phone: (     )     )		Cell phone: (     )     )	
Email address: (please write clearly)			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b> <b>Special Assistance.</b> (If yes, please describe your needs below.)		<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if Remote Trial Participant (only open to groups outside North America)	
<b>Committee</b> on which you plan to serve*: See Page 10. <i>*Remote Participants must select in advance due to logistics. F2F delegates may change selection at WSC.</i>			
<b>Caucus</b> on which you plan to serve*: Not required, see Page 10. <i>*If a Remote Participant wants to serve on a caucus, they must select in advance due to logistics.</i>			
<b>Binder Choice</b> (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic binder only. PDF files of the binder contents will be available by email. <input type="checkbox"/> Paper binder and electronic binder.			
Is this your first WSC? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> GSR (General Service Rep.)	<input type="checkbox"/> ISR (Intergroup Service Rep.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Trustee
Group name:	Group location (city):	Group #:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if representing multiple meetings.	Group #'s of other meetings represented:		
If you would like to sign up for D.A.'s <b>eNews</b> announcements, subscribe at: <a href="http://www.debtorsanonymous.org/enews">www.debtorsanonymous.org/enews</a> <input type="checkbox"/> Already subscribed			

**Notes:**

1. **Group number is required.** Registrations without group numbers may be delayed or returned. To locate your group number, use the "Find a Meeting" page on the D.A. website: <http://debtorsanonymous.org/find-meetings>
2. **Registration Confirmation.** To receive confirmation of registration, provide an email address. If you do not receive a confirmation of early registration by July 14 or late registration by July 25, please contact the General Service Office (GSO).
3. **Payment for registration and meals.** Conference registration and meals must be paid for by check, in a single payment accompanying this Registration Form, by the listed deadline.
4. **Hotel reservation and payment.** You must make your own reservation with the hotel, and pay the hotel directly.
5. **Special Dietary Needs.** Meals will be served buffet style. There will be vegetarian and vegan selections at each meal. If you have special dietary needs that may not be met by the Conference meals, you may want to include extra meal funds in your spending plan.
6. **Refunds: Refer to Registration Policies on page 3.** To receive a refund for cancelled Conference registration and meals (not your own travel-related or hotel expenses), please notify the General Service Office via email at [office@debtorsanonymous.org](mailto:office@debtorsanonymous.org) or telephone (781-453-2743) by 4:00 pm Eastern time, Monday, July 15, 2020.
7. **Electronic Conference Binder.** An electronic copy of the 2020 binder will be available to all delegates. A paper copy will also be available to those who wish one as well. If you do not want a paper copy, please indicate by checking the appropriate box above.
8. **Remote Trial Participation.** All Remote Trial Participants must have Internet access and a computer or mobile device capable of Zoom conferencing. DA-GSB will make all effort to ensure connectivity and technological access within our control. DA-GSB, Inc. is ultimately not financially responsible for any connectivity or access issues.
9. **Release Regarding Materials.** By submitting a completed registration form, either online or by postal mail, WSC attendees release to Debtors Anonymous General Service Board, Inc., any and all ownership and use rights for material submitted to WSC committees and caucuses during the Conference year. This includes, but is not limited to, written, graphic, and audio materials. Debtors Anonymous General Service Board, Inc., is the not-for profit corporation that has legal and fiduciary responsibility for the spiritual Fellowship of D.A.
10. **Terms and Conditions.** By submitting a completed registration form, either online or by postal mail, you consent to the terms herein.

# Payment Form

Complete and send this form to the GSO, whether you register online or via postal mail\*.

## D.A. World Service Conference, August 12-16, 2020

*(Keep a copy of this page for your records.)*

First name:	Last name:
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### Registration Options

		Enter your amounts below.
<b>1. Conference Registration and Meals</b>		
<b>Meal plan includes:</b> Four breakfasts, three lunches, and two dinners, per person. The meal plan is not optional and does not include the Gala Dinner.		
<i>(Enter one of the following)</i>		
a. <b>Early:</b> Postmarked or emailed on or before July 7, 2020	<b>\$ 755.00</b>	\$
b. <b>Late:</b> Postmarked or emailed after July 8 to July 21, 2020	<b>\$ 855.00</b>	\$
<b>2. Gala Dinner / Talent Show / Dance</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>	\$
<i>(Not included in registration fee.)</i>		
<i>To register a guest for the Gala, please use page 16 of this packet.</i>		
<b>3. Fellowship Day</b> <i>(Not included in registration fee.)</i>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>	\$
<i>To register a guest for the Fellowship Day sessions or lunch, please use page 16 of this packet. No one will be turned away from the sessions for lack of funds.</i>		
<b>4. Seventh Tradition</b> <i>(Optional contribution)</i>		\$
<b>5. John H. Scholarship Fund</b> <i>(Optional contribution)</i>		\$
<b>6. Remote Trial Participant Registration</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>	\$
		\$
<b>7. Lodging</b>		N/A - See pg. 7
<b>Total Enclosed</b>		

Whether you register online or via postal mail, you must send this form and a check for your registration fees to the General Service Office. If you are attending the Gala and/or the Fellowship Day, include those fees in your payment.

**\*International delegates:** After registering, email [2020WSC@debtorsanonymous.org](mailto:2020WSC@debtorsanonymous.org) to make arrangement to pay via a funds transfer.

**Send this Payment Form with your payment.**

**Make checks payable to DAGSB. Mail to:**

**2020 WSC Registration, PO Box 920888, Needham, MA USA 02492-0009**

**Early registration deadline (postmarked by): July 7, 2020**

# Hotel Reservation Information

*Conference delegates must make their own hotel reservations.*

## Hotel Reservation Options

- **Online:** <https://debtorsanonymous.org/wsc2020hotel>  
Due to a limited number of double rooms, please reserve "1 King Bed" if you do not plan to have a roommate.
- **Phone:** 1-800-882-1037
- **Phone:** To hotel directly: 1-973-623-0006
- **Phone International #s:** <https://www.marriott.com/help/global-phone-reservation-numbers.mi>
- **Total Conference Room Fees for 4 nights:**

ROOM DESCRIPTION	RATE	15.125% State and Local Taxes	Room cost per night	4 NIGHTS TOTAL
1 KING BED	\$129.00	+ \$19.52 (approx.) =	\$148.52	\$594.08
2 DOUBLE BEDS	\$129.00	+ \$19.52 (approx.) =	\$148.52	\$594.08

- **Deadline.** Room availability is not guaranteed. We recommend booking rooms as soon as possible.
- **Discount code.** When making phone reservations, mention: World Service Conference
- **Debit card room deposit:** A room deposit will be required at check-in.
- **Incidental room charges.** Incidental expenses will have to be paid for at time of purchase. At check-in, you can request to allow incidental expenses to be charged to your room requiring an additional deposit.
- **Cancellation.** To cancel your room reservation and get a refund of your deposit, notify the hotel at least 48 hours before your scheduled check-in date.
- **Double occupancy and roommates.**
  - If you desire double occupancy, you are responsible for finding your own roommate and making your own arrangements with the roommate (and the hotel) as to how the hotel bill will be paid.
  - To make a double-occupancy reservation, call Marriott central reservations at 1-800-882-1037.
  - Delegates looking for roommates can go to <https://debtorsanonymous.org/WSC2020roommate>  
*(Note: These resources are provided for your convenience and are not affiliated with the D.A. General Service Office or the D.A. General Service Board. Neither the Host Committee, the GSB, the GSO, nor the Hilton Los Angeles Airport is responsible or liable for the selection of roommates.)*
  - If you have a roommate, whichever one of you checks in first will be obligated to pay the room deposit.
- **Extra room nights before or after the Conference.** The Conference room rates of \$129 plus the state and local tax rate of 15.125%, per room per night will be provided to Conference attendees for three days before the Conference, subject to room availability.

# Travel and Miscellaneous Information

## Transportation between the Airport and the Hotel

The hotel is located a 20 minute walk from Newark International Airport with complimentary shuttle running every 15 minutes, 24 hours/day.

## Parking

Hotel garage self-parking: \$12 per 12 hours max, \$28 overnight.

## Hotel Amenities

Free Wireless Internet in guestrooms, Fitness Room, and more.

## Local Attractions

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/local-things-to-do/ewrap-newark-liberty-international-airport-marriott/>

## Special Needs

If you use a wheelchair or have mobility challenges for which you need assistance, contact the Special Needs Subcommittee prior to the Conference at [wsc2020@danyc.org](mailto:wsc2020@danyc.org)

## Conference Registration at the Hotel

Pick up your Conference materials at the WSC Registration Table. Registration will be open Wednesday, August 12, from 12 noon to 10 p.m.

## WSC Attendee Reminders

- This is D.A.'s annual business conference, the purpose of which is to conduct the business of D.A. Conference, attendees should not promote or sell other products or services at the WSC.
- Tradition Eleven states "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films." This has been extended to all other media. Hence, we suggest that members use first names and last initials only and no personal email addresses on documents circulated at the WSC (except committee rosters), as sometimes these documents have been posted on the Internet.
- Delegates: Please bring your own personal D.A. and A.A. Literature for your use as reference in your Committee and Caucus work. For additional reference, all delegates will receive a 2020 edition of the Debtors Anonymous Manual for Service (DAMS) when they check-in at registration.
- By submitting a completed registration form, World Service Conference (WSC) attendees release to Debtors Anonymous General Service Board, Inc., any and all ownership and use rights for material submitted to WSC committees and caucuses during the Conference year. This includes, but is not limited to, written, graphic, and audio materials. Debtors Anonymous General Service Board, Inc., is the not-for profit corporation that has legal and fiduciary responsibility for the spiritual fellowship of Debtors Anonymous.



# Your Role at the Conference and Committee/Caucus Descriptions

When attending the World Service Conference and throughout the year that follows, every GSR and ISR serves on a Conference Committee. This includes attending all sessions of your Committee during the Conference, and continuing the work of your Committee in monthly teleconferences and various e-mail and phone communications during the conference year that follows. In preparation for this, please consider which committee you feel offers the best opportunity for your service to D.A. If you do not make that decision prior to the Conference, you can make it at the Conference. For some returning delegates, rotating to a new committee provides the highest service to the D.A. Fellowship. Descriptions of the Committees are provided below. In addition to serving on a committee, you may also serve on one caucus.

## World Service Conference Committees

### B.D.A. COMMITTEE (B.D.A.)

The B.D.A. (Business Debtors Anonymous) Committee's purpose is to carry the message to the still-suffering debtor and help them apply the Steps and Traditions to all their affairs and not debt one day at a time. The B.D.A. Committee focuses on issues specific to the needs of D.A. members who own or operate businesses, are self-employed or have a desire to own or operate businesses or be self-employed. The B.D.A. Committee is open to all GSRs and ISRs, not just those who represent B.D.A. groups.

### CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (CC)

The Conference Committee is concerned with the general nature of the World Service Conference. This includes:

- The Charter of the World Service Conference and its relationship to the General Service Board and membership of D.A. as a whole
- Issues related to the format of the annual World Service Conference of Debtors Anonymous
- Assistance to the Host Com. in their planning and logistics
- Recommendations of sites for future annual conferences

### FELLOWSHIP COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (FCC)

The Fellowship Communications Committee facilitates communication and promotes collaboration among the debtor who still suffers, the Debtors Anonymous membership, the World Service Conference Committees and Caucuses, the General Service Office, and the General Service Board.

### HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, AND PRISONS COM. (HIP)

The Hospitals, Institutions, and Prisons Committee carries the message of D.A. to the debtor who still suffers within hospital, institution and prison systems.

### INTERNAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (IOC)

The primary responsibility of the Internal Operations Committee (IOC) is to support the General Service Office (GSO) of Debtors Anonymous. The Committee:

- Focuses on the overall office operations of the GSO
- Interacts with the Board Office Liaison and the Office Manager to support the ongoing work of the GSO

### INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

The International Committee's mission is to exchange information and develop initiatives to support the growth of D.A. internationally.

### LITERATURE COMMITTEE (LIT)

D.A. Conference-approved literature begins with the Literature Committee. Members participate in all levels of the literature creative process, including:

- Generating ideas for new D.A. literature
- Working closely with members of Literature Services
- Reviewing drafts of literature in process (given to them at the Conference by Literature Services)
- Approving final drafts of D.A. literature
- Bringing motions to approve drafts of literature to Convocation to become Conference-approved literature

### PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE (PI)

The Public Information Committee works to carry the message of D.A. to the still-suffering debtor by interfacing with the media, helping professionals, the general public and the D.A. Fellowship-at-large, in person, on the telephone, and through written information. The Committee utilizes the Debtors Anonymous Public Information Manual and other D.A. Service Literature available to the entire D.A. Fellowship as a tool for outreach efforts, and supports and trains P.I. representatives as guided by the Twelve Traditions of D.A.

### RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (RDC)

Revenue for D.A. is the focus of the Resource Development Committee, including:

- Increasing Seventh Tradition contributions and clarifying the use of Seventh Tradition funds
- Encouraging member participation in service at all levels
- Increasing awareness within the D.A. Fellowship about the importance of self-support

### TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (TECH)

The Technology Committee is composed of delegates who have experience with and/or interest in leveraging technology to grow D.A. The Tech Committee focuses on harnessing technology to improve access to D.A.'s resources, facilitate communication within D.A., and reach out to the debtor who still suffers. The Committee advises the Conference and the GSB, as well as provides hands-on technical expertise where applicable.

## World Service Conference Caucuses

### INTERGROUP CAUCUS

The Intergroup Caucus is composed primarily of ISRs but also includes GSRs and Trustees who have experience with their local Intergroups. The main function of this Caucus is to create tools, resources, and a better understanding of the role of an Intergroup in the overall organizational structure of D.A. The Intergroup Caucus helps support both new and existing Intergroups. The Intergroup Caucus also contributes to the efforts to regionalize D.A.

### SPIRITUALLY SUSTAINABLE EARNING CAUCUS (SSEC)

Created by the 2016 WSC, the Spiritually Sustainable Earning Caucus supports the D.A. Fellowship as a whole in gaining clarity, understanding, and using tools to address the ways that underearning cripples debtors' sobriety and how it can be relieved through the Twelve Steps of Debtors Anonymous.

### UNDERSERVED AND UNDER-REPRESENTED OUTREACH CAUCUS (UOUC)

The mission of the Underserved and Under-Represented Caucus is to support the Fellowship in carrying the message of Debtors Anonymous to the debtor in underserved populations and locations. We coordinate with World Service Conference Committees and Caucuses by developing best practices for doing that work and sharing it with D.A. as a whole.

## Preliminary Conference Schedule

Start and End Times		Activity
<b>Wednesday, August 12</b>		
12:00 noon	10:00 p.m.	Conference Registration
3:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	D.A. meeting and open Twelve-Step meeting
4:30 p.m.	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
6:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	<b>General Assembly Session 1:</b> Conference Opening and Orientation
7:45 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	<b>General Assembly Session 2:</b> GSB Reports, Q&A, and Activities
9:15 p.m.	10:45 p.m.	<b>Caucus Session 1:</b> Elections, review outgoing caucus recommendations
9:15 p.m.	10:15 p.m.	D.A. meeting and open Twelve-Step meeting
<b>Thursday, August 13</b>		
6:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	Conscious Contact / BDA meeting
7:00 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	<b>General Assembly Session 3:</b> WSC Committee & Caucus Reports
11:00 a.m.	12:00 noon	<b>General Assembly Session 4:</b> Open Forum
12:00 noon	1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	<b>General Assembly Session 4:</b> Open Forum (cont.)
2:00 p.m.	2:15 p.m.	Break
2:15 p.m.	3:15 p.m.	<b>Caucus Session 2:</b> Identify 2020-21 projects & subcommittees
2:15 p.m.	3:15 p.m.	D.A. meeting and open Twelve-Step meeting
3:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	<b>Committee Session 1:</b> Elections, review outgoing committee recommendations
5:00 p.m.	6:15 p.m.	Dinner
6:00 p.m.	6:45 p.m.	General Service Board Open Meeting
6:00 p.m.	6:45 p.m.	Conscious Contact
7:00 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	<b>Committee Session 2:</b> Identify 2020-21 projects & subcommittees
<b>Friday, August 14</b>		
6:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	Conscious Contact / BDA meeting
7:00 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	12:00 noon	<b>Committee Session 3:</b> Develop project plans, assign I&C responses
11:30 a.m.	12:00 noon	Committee Chairs meet with each other
12:00 noon	1:00 p.m.	Lunch (includes Meet-the-Trustees tables)
1:15 p.m.	4:45 p.m.	<b>Committee Session 4:</b> Prepare motions/recommendations for Convocation
5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	<b>Caucus Session 3:</b> Prepare recommendations for Convocation, assign I&C responses
5:30 p.m. deadline		<b>Committees submit motions and recommendations to GSB</b>
6:30 p.m. deadline		<b>Caucuses submit recommendations to GSB</b>
6:30 p.m.		Dinner on your own / Free time
9:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	D.A. meeting and open Twelve-Step meeting
<b>Saturday, August 15</b>		
6:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	Conscious Contact / BDA meeting
7:00 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	12:00 noon	<b>General Assembly Session 5: Convocation</b>
12:00 noon	1:15 p.m.	Lunch with Speaker Share
1:30 p.m.	5:15 p.m.	Fellowship Day
5:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	Gala Dinner with Keynote Speaker / Talent Show / Dance
<b>Sunday, August 16</b>		
6:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	Conscious Contact / BDA meeting
7:00 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	12:00 noon	<b>General Assembly Session 6: Convocation and closing</b>

### Note regarding the Convocation:

The Conference concludes with the Convocation sessions on Saturday and Sunday. The Sunday Convocation closes at **12:00 noon**. These sessions are where issues that affect the Fellowship as a whole will be considered and decisions will be made. Your participation and votes are part of the group conscience of the worldwide D.A. Fellowship. **Please arrange your travel so you can stay for the entire Sunday Convocation.**

# 2020 Service Opportunities

## Volunteer for Service

Each year, the Conference provides opportunities for Conference delegates to give service. If you wish to take advantage of any of the service opportunities below, please fill out the form on page 12 and mail with your registration form or email to [wsc2020@danyc.org](mailto:wsc2020@danyc.org)

### 1. Speakers: Fellowship Day

The Host Committee needs D.A. members willing to speak for approximately ten minutes on one of the topics listed below. All sessions are open. The audience for the following sessions will include compulsive debtors, newcomers to D.A., and possible non-members (i.e. professionals, family, or friends) who support the mission of D.A. to reach the debtor who still suffers.

	<b>Track 1: The Twelve Steps</b>	<b>Track 2: The Twelve Traditions</b>	<b>Track 3: D.A. Recovery</b>
<b>1:30 – 2:15 p.m.</b>	Steps 1-3: Giving Up	Traditions 1-3: Unity, Trust, Identity	Finding a Higher Power
<b>2:30 – 3:15 p.m.</b>	Steps 4-6: Cleaning Up	Traditions 4-6: Autonomy, Purpose, Solidarity	We Cannot Do This Alone
<b>3:30 – 4:15 p.m.</b>	Steps 7-9: Making Up	Traditions 7-9: Responsibility, Fellowship, Structure	Don't Give Up Before the Miracle Happens
<b>4:30 – 5:15 p.m.</b>	Steps 10-12 Showing Up	Traditions 10-12 Neutrality, Anonymity, Spirituality	A Journey into the Fourth Dimension— Our Transformation

In addition to the listed topics, there will be one room hosted by Debt-Anon—a 12-step program for those affected by a problem of compulsive debting in a relative or friend.

**Speakers must have incurred no new, unsecured debt for at least one year.** At the beginning of your share, you will be asked to state how long you have been free from incurring new unsecured debt. (Unsecured debt is any debt not backed up by some form of collateral).

**Speakers should focus their sharing on not incurring any new unsecured debt, working the Twelve Steps, using the D.A. Tools, and applying the Twelve Traditions.** Speakers should share how these foundations of the D.A. program have shaped their recovery. Speakers should also share their experience of how these D.A. cornerstones relate to the listed workshop topics. Speakers must abide by the Twelve Traditions and should limit their sharing to their own experience within the D.A. program. Also, in accordance with Tradition Six, speakers should not promote non-D.A. enterprises or businesses.

Speakers in Tracks 1-3 will be recorded.

### 2. Leaders: Conscious Contact Sessions

The Conference will include a 60-minute Conscious Contact session at the beginning of each day. The goal is to give members the opportunity to practice Step Eleven, through meditation, music, physical movement, and other relaxation/spiritual/self-care practices. Leaders are needed.

### 3. Performers: Gala Talent Show

Have a talent? Consider performing in the Talent Show, which is part of the Saturday night Gala.

# Volunteer Service Form

First name:		Last name:	
Address:			
City:	State/Province:	Country:	Postal code:
Home phone: (        )		Cell phone: (        )	
Email address: (please write clearly)			

## I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO:

- Be a Fellowship Day speaker.

***Speakers must have incurred no new unsecured debt for at least one year. At the beginning of your share, you will be asked to state how long you have been free from incurring new unsecured debt. (Unsecured debt is any debt not backed by some form of collateral.)***

- Lead a Conscious Contact session.

*The goal is to give members the opportunity to practice Step Eleven, through meditation, music, physical movement and other relaxation/spiritual/self-care practices.*

***Tell us about the session you would lead:***

- Perform in the Gala Talent Show.

***Tell us about your talent:***

Complete the form above and email to [wsc2020@danyc.org](mailto:wsc2020@danyc.org)

## Delegate Spending Plan Worksheet

Funds Available	Example only	Planned	Actual
Group GSR/Intergroup ISR Funds			
John H. Scholarship			
Other			
<b>Total</b>			
Expenses: Category & Item	Example only	Planned	Actual
<b>A. Conference Registration and Meals</b>			
Postmarked or emailed on or before July 7, 2020 (\$755.00)	755.00		
Postmarked or emailed July 8 to July 21, 2020 (\$855.00)			
<b>B. Lodging 4 nights: Double (\$297.04), Single (\$594.08)*</b>	297.04		
<b>C. Transportation:</b>			
Airplane, train, gas, tolls, etc.	350.00		
Transportation from home to local airport (Outgoing)	35.00		
Transportation from airport to hotel	0		
Transportation from hotel to airport	0		
Transportation from local airport to home (Return)	35.00		
Transportation at Conference (taxi, car, public transportation, etc.)	20.00		
Other			
<b>D. Meals (other than meal package included in registration)</b>			
Outgoing travel meals	45.75		
Return travel meals	45.75		
Friday evening meal	26.00		
Other			
<b>E. Fellowship Day registration fee</b>	15.00		
<b>F. Gala Dinner / Talent Show / Dance</b>	60.00		
<b>G. Tips and Gratuities</b>			
Tips for lodging	25.00		
Tips for transportation	5.00		
Tips for meals	25.00		
<b>H. Miscellaneous Expenses</b>			
Seventh Tradition (A basket will be available at the Convocation.)	20.00		
Donation to John H. Scholarship Fund	15.00		
D.A. literature	45.00		
Other			
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,819.54</b>		
<b>I. Travel Contingency (10% of subtotal of non-fixed expenses: C &amp; D)</b>	55.75		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,875.29</b>		

\*Lodging rates pending availability. Please reserve hotel rooms early.

# Guest Registration Form for Fellowship Day and Gala

Only General Service Representatives (GSRs) and Intergroup Service Representatives (ISRs) can attend the business sessions of the Conference. Guests are not allowed in the committee rooms (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) and/or the Convocation (Saturday and Sunday mornings).

Guests are welcome to attend the Fellowship Day lunch, the Fellowship Day speaker sessions, and the Gala activities, all of which will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2020.

Hotel self-parking will be available at the discounted rate of \$12 for maximum 12 hours and \$28 for overnight parking.

Guests wanting to attend any of these events can pre-register with the form below.

## GUEST REGISTRATION for 2020 WSC Events, Saturday, August 15, 2020:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Fellowship Day: \$15.00\* \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch and Speaker: \$48.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Gala Dinner/Speaker/Talent Show/Dance: \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if only attending as a member of Debt-Anon  
*(Debt-Anon is a separate fellowship for friends & family of debtors)*

Make check payable and mail to:

**WSC 2020 Host Committee**

**P.O. Box 242**

**New York, NY 10024**

**JULY 21, 2020 DEADLINE** TO REGISTER A GUEST FOR LUNCH AND/OR GALA

\*No one will be turned away from the Fellowship Day sessions for lack of funds.

For more information about the Fellowship Day or the Gala, please contact the Host Committee at

wsc2020@dany.org

# John H. Scholarship Program

## Description and Instructions

The purpose of the John H. Scholarship Program is to provide financial assistance to GSRs and ISRs who are willing to be of service and to attend the Debtors Anonymous Annual World Service Conference, but lack all the necessary funds to do so.

### Allocation Criteria

The allocation procedure for distribution of scholarship funds follows a process mandated by guidelines previously approved by the World Service Conference. These guidelines follow on pages 16 and 17.

### Deadlines

1. Scholarship applications must be received by the General Service Office by April 21, 2020. This allows the Host Committee time to make funding decisions and advise award recipients in a timely manner.
2. Funding decisions will be made by the Host Committee no later than May 1, 2020.
3. Applicants will be notified by May 8, 2020, by telephone, email, or postal mail.

### Application Instructions (Application form is on page 18.)

In the personal Information section, please provide:

1. Your name, mailing address, phone number, and email address.
2. Your group name and group number.
3. Has your group ever received John H Scholarship funds? Years? (if known)

In the expense information section:

1. Registration fee (includes meals) and lodging expense (shared room) are pre-entered on the form. (John H. Scholarships are awarded based on double room occupancy only. If the group wishes for the delegate to have a single room for any reason, they will have to provide the balance of the funding). Scholarship awards will be based on the early-registration amount.
2. Transportation. Complete amounts for each applicable line item in this section.
3. Meals (other than meal package included in registration). Complete amounts for each applicable line item in this section, including meals in route to and from conference.
4. Fellowship Day.
5. Gala Dinner/Talent Show/Dance
6. Subtotal. Add amounts in rows A–F.
7. Contingency. Multiply subtotal of rows C–D by 10%.
8. Total. Add (Subtotal) + (Contingency).
9. Amount of Group(s) Contribution. Subtract total funds your group(s) can contribute.
10. Amount of scholarship needed. Enter amount requested from the scholarship fund.

### Submitting the application:

Email completed application to:  
2020WSC@debtorsanonymous.org

Or mail completed application to:  
2020 WSC  
John H. Scholarship Application  
P.O. Box 920888  
Needham, MA 02492-0009

Applications must be received by **Apr 21, 2020**. If you apply for a scholarship, please wait to send in your Conference registration until after you have received notification regarding the final scholarship decision.

### After the Conference:

If you receive a scholarship award, after the Conference you must:

Complete the "actual" column of the application form (Column B).

Mail the completed form and a check in the amount of **any unused funds** to:

D.A. GSO  
Attn. John H. Scholarship Fund  
P.O. Box 920888  
Needham, MA 02492-0009

# John H. Scholarship Funding Guidelines

(Last revised: August 2013 - Approved by the 2013 WSC)

The general purpose of the Scholarship Fund is to provide financial assistance to those GSRs/ISRs who are willing to be of service and to attend the Debtors Anonymous World Service Conference but don't have all of the necessary funds to do so.

The Scholarship Fund allocation process is to be administered by the Host Committee.

## 1. Suggested qualifications to apply:

Individual:

- (a) One year of not having incurred any new, unsecured debt;
- (b) A committed record of service at the group or Intergroup level;
- (c) Actively working the Twelve Steps and Twelve Tools of Debtors Anonymous;
- (d) Active member of home group; and
- (e) Willingness to fulfill Conference duties and to remain a committee member the entire Conference year.
- (f) If the GSR/ISR is a returnee to the conference, it is suggested that they have attended at least 7 out of 11 of the previous year's committee's calls.

Group:

- (a) Group shall state on the application whether it has received John H. Scholarship funding, and if so, the years, if known.

## 2. Deadlines:

Scholarship applications must be received no less than sixty-five (65) days before the Early Registration Deadline. This allows the committee time to render a decision and reply to applicants in a timely manner. There can also be a published notice by an eNews announcement, in *The DA Focus* newsletter and *Ways & Means* magazine to notify when applications are available. Applications can be submitted as soon as they become available to avoid last-minute gridlock. Applications will also be available at [www.debtorsanonymous.org](http://www.debtorsanonymous.org) once they become available.

Decisions will be made by the Host Committee at least fifty-five (55) days before the Early Registration Deadline. The Host Committee shall provide scholarship allocation information to the GSB Treasurer at the same time.

## 3. Notification to applicants:

Applicants will be notified at least fifty (50) days before the Early Registration Deadline.

## 4. Allocation:

One scholarship will be given based on the "Most Need." This will allow some GSRs/ISRs from small groups an opportunity to participate. However, (a) the group that is represented by the "Most Need" scholarship recipient must have been a registered meeting with the GSO and meeting on a regular basis for at least two years; (b) the "Most Need" recipient cannot receive this scholarship in two successive years; and (c) the group should have demonstrated that they have made an attempt to get their GSR/ISR to the Conference, for example, passing a separate basket or fundraisers.

The remainder of the fund will be allocated to those GSRs/ISRs with the "least need" first, in order to get more delegates to the Conference.

The scholarship is awarded to the group, not the individual. This means if an award is granted and then the individual cannot attend the WSC for whatever reason, the group can send another group member (the elected alternate GSR/ISR) instead and the alternate GSR/ISR may use the scholarship funds (as long as the funds are used for the group the scholarship was originally awarded to). If the group cannot send an alternate GSR/ISR, the funds go back into the scholarship fund for the host committee to re-award to a previously denied applicant.

## 5. Guidelines as to how applicants and GSO will be notified:

By telephone, email, or postal correspondence.



**6. Written material explaining how funds are dispersed:**

Funds are kept in a separate account by the GSB. The GSB will distribute funds as allocated by the Host Committee.

Funds available for scholarship will include all contributions collected up to March 31 of the year of Conference.

**7. Record Keeping:**

The Host Committee will follow the guidelines set forth in this Scholarship Fund application process. The Treasurer of the Host Committee will keep track of the name, address, meeting represented, and amounts of each fund recipient and forward a report to the GSB. The Conference Support Committee will maintain a file of all scholarship recipients.

If a recipient does not use all funds granted him or her by scholarship, the recipient will return the excess amounts to the GSO to be placed back into the Scholarship Fund. The recipient will complete an Actual Spending Plan (Column B on the Spending Plan Worksheet) and return it to the GSO within two (2) weeks following the last day of the Conference.

## WSC 2020 John H. Scholarship Application Form

Name:		Group name:	
Address:			Group #
City:	State/Province:	Country:	Postal code:
Home phone: (        )		Cell phone: (        )	
Email address: (please write clearly)			
My group ___ has ___ has not received John H. Scholarship funds. Year(s) [if known] _____			

Applications must be received by the General Service Office by **April 21, 2019**.

Email completed application to: 2020WSC@debtorsanonymous.org
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Or mail completed application to: 2020 WSC Registration John H. Scholarship Application P.O. Box 920888 Needham, MA 02492-0009
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### Please complete Column (A) only

	A	B
Expenses:	Planned	Actual
<b>A. Conference Registration and Meals</b> – Early registration fee (DOES NOT include Fellowship Day or Gala)	\$755.00	
<b>B. Lodging for 4 nights (double occupancy assumed)</b>	\$297.04	
<b>C. Transportation</b>		
Plane, train, bus, gas, tolls, etc.		
Transportation from home to local airport + Tip		
Transportation from LAX airport to hotel + Tip		
Transportation from hotel to LAX airport + Tip		
Transportation from local airport to home + Tip		
Baggage charges and tips		
Direct vehicle expense (gas, tolls, etc.)		
Other		
<b>D. Meals</b> (other than meal package included in registration)		
Outgoing travel meals + Tip		
Friday evening meal + Tip		
Other		
<b>E. Fellowship Day</b> (Saturday)(\$15.00)		
<b>F. Gala Dinner / Talent Show</b> (Saturday)(\$55.00)		
<b>Subtotal</b>		
<b>G. Travel Contingency</b> (10% of subtotal of non-fixed expenses: C & D)		
<b>Total</b>		
Less: Amount of Group Contribution		
<b>Total amount of scholarship requested</b>		