

## John H. Scholarship Fund

The general purpose of the John H. 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 the necessary funds to do so.

### **Eligibility**

Delegates applying for a scholarship must have:

1. One year of not having incurred any new, unsecured debt
2. A committed record of service at the group or Intergroup level
3. Actively working the Twelve Steps and Twelve Tools of Debtors Anonymous
4. Active member of home group
5. Willingness to fulfill Conference duties and to remain a committee member the entire Conference year
6. If the GSR/ISR is a returnee to the Conference, it is required that they have attended at least 7 out of 11 of the previous year's committee's meetings
7. The group shall state on the application whether it has received John H. scholarship funding, and if so, the years if known.

### **Deadline for applications**

Scholarship applications must be received (65 days prior to early booking) by May 1, 2026. This allows the committee time to render a decision and reply to applicants in a timely manner. Applications can be submitted as soon as they become available to avoid last-minute gridlock.

Decisions will be made by an ad hoc committee of at least three, and as many as five members, including a delegate from the Host Committee, a delegate from the GSB Conference Support Committee, a delegate from the WSC Conference Committee, and up to two other volunteers, to be chosen by the three designated members, who must be ISRs or GSRs, who need not be members of the GSB or the Conference Committee, at least fifty (50) days before the Early Registration Deadline. The Host Committee shall provide scholarship allocation information to the GSB Treasurer at the same time.

## **Allocation**

One scholarship will be given based on the “Most Need.” This allows 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.

## **Final decision**

Applicants will be notified by May 15, 2026 which is within fifty (50) days before the Early Registration Deadline.

Applicants and the GSO will be notified by email.

## **After the Conference**

If a recipient does not use all funds granted by scholarship, the recipient will return the excess amounts to the GSO to be placed back into the Scholarship Fund.

<p><b>If you wish to apply for a scholarship, please fill out a mandatory spending plan ("Planned" column only) and Application form and submit for consideration.</b></p>
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## John H. Scholarship Application Form

First name:		Last name:	
Address:		City:	
State/Province:	Country:	Postal code:	
Home phone: Include country and area codes		Cell phone: Include country and area codes	
Email address:			
Group name:	Group location (city):	Group number:	
My group has received a John H. Scholarship in the past: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No      Year(s) if known: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I acknowledge that I am eligible to apply for the John H. Fund - see page 23			

Please complete Column (A) only

(A)

Expenses:	Planned	Actual
<b>A. Conference Registration and Meals</b> – Early registration fee (DOES NOT include Fellowship Day or Gala)	\$950.00	
<b>B. Lodging - Based on a twin-share (room with two beds)</b>  <b>The Host Committee will help find roommates if you need help. While there are no guarantees, the Committee will try to connect you with others looking to share a room. If you wish to have a single room, you will need to provide the difference in the funding.</b>	\$421.80	
<b>C. Transportation</b>		
Plane, train, bus, gas, tolls, etc.		
Transportation from home to local airport + Tip		
Transportation from airport to hotel + Tip		
Transportation from hotel to 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		
Gala Dinner / Keynote Speaker/ Talent Show	85.00	
Other		
<b>E. Fellowship Day</b>	20.00	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		
<b>F. Travel Contingency</b> (10% of sections C&D)		
<b>Total</b>		
Less: Amount of Group Contribution		
<b>Total amount of scholarship requested</b>		

### Deadline to submit

John H. Scholarship applications must be received by **May 1, 2026**

### How to submit a John H Scholarship application (choose one option)

A. **Online:** [Online Application](#)

B. **By email:**

Email completed Spending Plan and John H. Scholarship Application Form to:  
[Annual.WSC@debtorsanonymous.org](mailto:Annual.WSC@debtorsanonymous.org)

B. **By regular mail:**

Mail completed Spending Plan and John H. Scholarship Application Form to:

2026 WSC John H. Scholarship Application  
Debtors Anonymous General Service Office  
P.O. Box 920888  
Needham, MA 02492-0009 USA