

# 34th Annual Debtors Anonymous World Service Conference

*“Trusting our Traditions”*

Saturday, August 8, 2020

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Saturday, August 15, 2020

Sunday, August 16, 2020

**A Virtual Conference**

*with logistical support by the New York City Area Host Committee*

## 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 having a representative participate in the virtual Conference.

The 2020 virtual Conference will take place using Zoom videoconferencing technology. Only registered delegates will be able to attend the videoconference. Delegates must have access to a computer, smartphone, or tablet with the latest version of Zoom installed. See Page 4 for more information.

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## Important Dates and Deadlines

John H. Scholarship application extension* deadline <i>* applications submitted by the original deadline will receive precedence</i>	June 21
John H. Scholarship recipients notified by	June 28
2022-23 Host City bids due — info at <a href="https://debtorsanonymous.org/hostwsc">debtorsanonymous.org/hostwsc</a>	July 1
Virtual Conference registration deadline	July 26

## 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:** Sunday, June 21, 2020 — Selecting your Committee/Caucus  
Saturday, July 25, 2020 — Overview of the World Service Conference

**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 <https://debtorsanonymous.org/call-in-access>

# 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 form on page 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.** To pay for registration fees, you must either:
  - Pay online at <https://debtorsanonymous.org/wsc2020payment>
  - or
  - Mail the form on page 6 with a check made out to “DAGSB” to:  
2020 WSC – Registration  
P.O. Box 920888  
Needham, MA 02492-0009

*\*Delegates outside of the U.S.:* If you are unable to pay online, email [2020WSC@debtorsanonymous.org](mailto:2020WSC@debtorsanonymous.org) to make arrangements to pay via a funds transfer.
4. **Registration Confirmation.** Confirmation of your registration will be sent by email. If you do not receive confirmation by July 31, please contact the GSO.
5. **Refunds.** To request a refund for Conference registration, notify the General Service Office via email at: [2020WSC@debtorsanonymous.org](mailto:2020WSC@debtorsanonymous.org) or telephone (781-453-2743) by 4:00 pm ET, Sunday, July 26, 2020.
6. **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 Registration Fee is not pro-ratable for delegates that do not attend all days of the Conference.
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 12 days prior to the start of the Conference.
  - 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.

## Virtual Conference Policies

1. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the World Service Conference will be conducted remotely (this year only) via Zoom videoconference technology.
  - a. Delegates will have access to attend all General Assembly sessions, as well as all of the committee and (optional) caucus meetings each delegate has chosen to participate on.
  - b. Delegates will have the same duty to participate in a WSC committee, both during the Conference and throughout the year, and the same right to participate in a caucus. All meetings will be conducted in English this Conference year.
  - c. It is recommended for the highest level of security that delegates create a free Zoom account with a newly created email address just for service and a unique password, without providing a payment source. DA-GSB, Inc is not liable for any issue a delegate has in using a personal Zoom account.
  - d. 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.
  - e. Each delegate must have a unique device (smartphone, tablet, or computer) in order to participate. Convocation voting will be conducted via Zoom Polls with the results shared after each vote.
  - f. Further details about how to use Zoom and how the virtual WSC will be conducted will be emailed to delegates closer to the Conference.
  - g. As this is the first time the World Service Conference has been held virtually, 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 throughout the Conference it will aid in developing this process.
2. **Registration Refund Policy due to Technical Issues**
  - a. If a Delegate cannot access the virtual 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. **WSC Registration Fee for delegates only** **\$200.00**

The Registration fee covers Zoom videoconferencing costs and administrative expenses involved in producing a World Service Conference.
2. **Fellowship Day** (*Not included in registration fee.*) **\$15.00**

**Note regarding Fellowship Day:** No one 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, use the Guest Registration Form on page 11.

## 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 have 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 an electronic 2020 edition of the Debtors Anonymous Manual for Service (DAMS).
- 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.

# Conference Registration Form for GSRs, ISRs, and Trustees

(Register online or mail this form)

**2020 D.A. World Service Conference (WSC), August 8–9, 15–16, 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: (Required, please write clearly)			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b> <b>Special Assistance.</b> (If yes, please describe your needs below.)			
<b>Committee</b> on which you plan to serve*: See Page 10. *Delegates must select in advance due to logistics.			
<b>Caucus</b> on which you plan to serve*: Optional, see Page 10. *Delegates must select in advance due to logistics.			
<b>Binder Choice:</b> Electronic binder only. PDF files of the binder contents will be available by email.			
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:		
Delegates are automatically subscribed to D.A.'s eNews announcements and can unsubscribe via the link at the end of each eNews email. <input type="checkbox"/> Already subscribed at <a href="https://debtorsanonymous.org/enews">https://debtorsanonymous.org/enews</a>			

## 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.** Conference registration must be paid for online at <https://debtorsanonymous.org/wsc2020payment> or by check, in a single payment accompanying this Registration Form, by the listed deadline.
4. **Refunds: Refer to Registration Policies on page 3.** To receive a refund for cancelled Conference registration, 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 26, 2020.
5. **Electronic Conference Binder.** An electronic copy of the 2020 binder will be emailed to all delegates.
6. **Videoconference Participation.** All delegates must have Internet access and a computer or mobile device capable of Zoom videoconferencing with the latest version installed. 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 issues related to the use of Zoom, including connectivity or access.
7. **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.
8. **Terms and Conditions.** By submitting a completed registration form, either online or by postal mail, you consent to the terms herein.

# Delegate Payment by Check Form

To pay by check, you must complete and send this form to the GSO, whether you register online or via postal mail\*.

To pay online, go to the link at the top of page 3 in this packet.

**D.A. World Service Conference, August 8–9, 15–16, 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 for delegates only</b>		
Postmarked or emailed on or before July 26, 2020	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	\$
<b>2. Fellowship Day</b> <i>(Not included in registration fee.)</i>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>	\$
<i>To register a guest for the Fellowship Day sessions, please use page 11 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>Total Enclosed</b>	<input type="text"/>

To pay by check you must send this form to the General Service Office. If you are attending Fellowship Day, include the optional fee in your payment. To pay online, please go to the link at the top of page 3 in this packet.

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

**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**

***Registration deadline (postmarked by): July 26, 2020***

# 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. Due to the logistics of a virtual Conference, we ask delegates to choose a committee and optional caucus upon registering. 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

### BDA COMMITTEE (BDA)

The BDA (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 BDA 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 BDA Committee is open to all GSRs and ISRs, not just those who represent BDA 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 Comm. 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 COMM. (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 (UOOC)

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

All times below are listed in Eastern Daylight Time. To convert: Central Time (-1), Mountain Time (-2), Pacific Time (-3), Hawaii Time (-6), Australian Eastern Standard Time (+15), Japan Time (+14), Iran Time (+9:30), Moscow Time (+8), Eastern African Time (+8), Central European Summer Time (+7), British Summer Time (+6), UTC (+5)

Start and End Times (Eastern Daylight Time)		Activity
<b>Friday, August 7</b>		
3:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	Welcoming Delegates Social Event (more details to come)
<b>Saturday, August 8</b>		
9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Conscious Contact
10:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	Zoom Videoconferencing Training
11:00 a.m.	12:00 noon	<b>General Assembly Session 1:</b> Conference Opening and Orientation
12:15 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	<b>General Assembly Session 2:</b> Open Forum
2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	<b>Caucus Session 1:</b> Elections, Call Schedule, Identify 2020-21 projects
<b>Sunday, August 9</b>		
9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Conscious Contact or D.A./BDA open share meeting
9:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	<b>Caucus Session 2:</b> Prepare recommendations for Convocation
11:00 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	<b>Committee Session 1:</b> Elections, Call Schedule, Identify 2020-21 projects
12:30 p.m.	12:45 p.m.	Break
12:45 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	<b>Committee Session 2:</b> Prepare motions/recommendations for Convocation
<b>Weekdays, August 10 – 14</b>		
TBD		Committees & Caucuses may arrange time to hold extra meetings
<b>Friday, August 14</b>		
11:00 a.m. ET deadline		<b>Committees submit motions and recommendations to GSB</b>
11:00 a.m. ET deadline		<b>Caucuses submit recommendations to GSB</b>
11:00 a.m.	12:00 noon	WSC Chairs meet with each other
12:00 noon	1:00 p.m.	General Service Board Open Meeting
<b>Saturday, August 15</b>		
9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Conscious Contact or D.A./BDA open share meeting
10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	Convocation Credentialing & Zoom Tech Support
11:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	<b>General Assembly Session 3: Convocation</b>
2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	Keynote Speaker #1 ( <i>open to all D.A. members</i> )
3:00 p.m.	6:45 p.m.	Fellowship Day workshops ( <i>open to all D.A. members</i> )
7:00 p.m.	7:45 p.m.	Keynote Speaker #2 ( <i>open to all D.A. members</i> )
8:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	Talent Show / Dance ( <i>open to all D.A. members</i> )
<b>Sunday, August 16</b>		
9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Conscious Contact
10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	Convocation Credentialing & Zoom Tech Support
11:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	<b>General Assembly Session 4: Convocation and closing</b>
3:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	D.A./BDA open share meeting

### Note regarding the Convocation:

The Conference concludes with the Convocation sessions on Saturday and Sunday. 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 schedule so you can participate in both Convocations on Saturday and Sunday.**



# 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 New York City Area Host Committee needs D.A. members willing to speak on Zoom 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>3:00 – 3:45 p.m.</b>	Steps 1-3: Giving Up	Traditions 1-3: Unity, Trust, Identity	Finding a Higher Power
<b>4:00 – 4:45 p.m.</b>	Steps 4-6: Cleaning Up	Traditions 4-6: Autonomy, Purpose, Solidarity	We Cannot Do This Alone
<b>5:00 – 5:45 p.m.</b>	Steps 7-9: Making Up	Traditions 7-9: Responsibility, Fellowship, Structure	Don't Give Up Before the Miracle Happens
<b>6:00 – 6:45 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 an additional track hosted by Debt-Anon—a 12-step program for those affected by a problem of compulsive debt 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 with audio only recordings to be published on the D.A. website at <https://debtorsanonymous.org/podcasts>. All speakers will have to sign an Assignment of Rights release form.

### 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)**

## Guest Registration Form for Fellowship Day

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

Guests are welcome to attend the Keynote speakers, the Fellowship Day speaker sessions, and the Talent Show and Dance, all of which will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2020.

Guests wanting to attend any of these events can pre-register with the form below or by making an online payment at <https://debtorsanonymous.org/wsc2020payment>

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

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

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

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

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

**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:

**2020 WSC – Fellowship Day  
P.O. Box 920888  
Needham, MA 02492-0009**

**JULY 21, 2020 DEADLINE** TO REGISTER A GUEST FOR FELLOWSHIP DAY BY MAIL

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

For more information about the Fellowship Day or the Talent Show,  
please contact the New York City Area Host Committee at

wsc2020@danyc.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. The extended deadline is June 21, 2020, for Scholarship applications for the Virtual World Service Conference and must be received by the General Service Office by that date. 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 June 26, 2020.
3. Applicants will be notified by June 28, 2020, by telephone, email, or postal mail.
4. Scholarship applications submitted by the original deadline of April 21, 2020, will be given precedence over scholarships submitted during the extension period.
5. Scholarship applications submitted during the extension period will be awarded in the order of the lowest amount requested to the highest amount requested. *Groups able to partially fund their delegate expenses have a greater chance of receiving a Scholarship to cover the remaining expense.*

**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 is pre-entered on the form.
2. Fellowship Day.
3. Total Amount needed.
4. Amount of Group(s) Contribution. Subtract total funds your group(s) can contribute.
5. Amount of scholarship needed. Enter amount requested from the scholarship fund.

### Submitting the application:

Email completed application to: [2020WSC@debtorsanonymous.org](mailto: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 June 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.

# John H. Scholarship Funding Guidelines

(Last revised: August 2013 - Approved by the 2013 WSC. *Note: As this is a Conference-approved document, it is published here in its original form although certain details regarding deadlines and notification do not apply to the 2020 extended deadline for submitting an application to the virtual Conference.*)

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 **June 21, 2020**.

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</b> (DOES NOT include Fellowship Day)	\$200.00	
<b>B. Fellowship Day</b> (Saturday)	\$15.00	
<b>Total</b>		
Less: Amount of Group Contribution		
<b>Total amount of scholarship requested</b>		