

Ohio W.O.M.E.N. - Working On My Every Need

Letter to our Scholarship Applicants,

Every year we are pleased to offer scholarships to our retreat weekend to people experiencing financial hardship and cannot afford to pay their own way. We are able to offer scholarships because of the generosity of the women who make donations and of those who support our raffle, by donating items and buying tickets.

If you would like to apply for a scholarship, this letter will explain what requirements you must meet in order to be eligible. Unfortunately, we often have more requests for scholarships than we can provide. Not everyone who applies will receive a scholarship and many very deserving people do not receive one.

Who is eligible? Applicants must have a sponsor. They must also have at least 6 months of sobriety for alcoholics and at least 6 months of active participation (defined as attending at least one meeting per week for 6 months) for Al-Anons. They must have 6 months by July 31.

No one may receive more than 2 scholarships within 3 years.

How do I Apply? Each applicant should write a letter asking the committee for the scholarship. It should include:

1. what the applicant hopes to get out of the weekend,
2. how the applicant is applying the program to her life,
3. how long the applicant has been sober or in the program,
4. a brief explanation of her financial need.
5. the dollar amount of the scholarship she is requesting.
6. Each applicant should also include a letter of recommendation from her sponsor.

When is the Deadline? July 31 is the deadline for Scholarship applications. The letters must be postmarked, emailed, or given to a committee member by this date in order to be eligible.

We ask applicants to pay at least \$40 toward their own costs. Normally, we do not give refunds, however, if money has been received from a scholarship applicant, and the applicant is not awarded a scholarship, the money paid will be returned. We try to help as many women as we can. The decision of the committee is final.

If you have any questions or concerns about this process please contact any Committee Member.