HOW TO APPLY FOR A GCFI SCHOLARSHIP

A. Obtain an application via website (www.oagulfcoast.org/documents).

B. Fill out the application and return to the Treasurer of GCFI via e-mail (treasurer@oagulfcoast.org) or mail it to: Gulf Coast Florida Intergroup, c/o Briana, 9202 51st St. N., Pinellas Park, FL 33782

C. The application must be provided to the treasurer before the early registration of the event you are applying for.

D. Scholarship will be open to any OA member that would like to attend any OA related conventions and retreats.

E. Guidelines of application:

1. Applicants will have at least three (3) months of active/continuous group attendance.

2. Applicant physically resides in Pinellas/Pasco/Hernando County area.

3. Applicant will attend at least two (2) Intergroup meetings. <u>One meeting within three months before the early registration deadline and one following the event.</u> This requirement may be waived if the PTI votes to waive it for a particular event due to time restraints.

4. Please plan to do service at the event. If the event is a SOAR8 Recovery and Business Assembly, it is suggested that you attend a committee meeting in the Business Assembly (a GCFI Region 8 Representative can help you with this).

5. It is required that the applicant(s) submit a written report (two or three paragraphs) and present it at the GCFI meeting following the event. It is not necessary to mention the scholarship if wanting to maintain anonymity. The report will include a summary of the service provided.

6. The deadline for application is the GCFI meeting prior to the early registration of the event. Application must reach the GCFI treasurer by the date set by GCFI for the event. The application can be emailed to treasurer@oagulfcoast.org.

7. The treasurer will provide a copy of the application(s) to the scholarship committee for consideration.

8. The scholarship committee is created each year in January by the treasurer and two other GCFI meeting members. Volunteers considered first.

F. The scholarship committee will meet to review all scholarship applications. Scholarships are dispersed depending on the amount of funds available. Some scholarships may be partially funded. The cap for a scholarship is $236.00. The treasurer will announce to GCFI the scholarship results with no names to protect anonymity and the amounts awarded

G. Upon applicants' approval, the applicants will be reimbursed by presenting a receipt to the treasurer **after** the event.

H. Scholarship Committee guidelines:

1. If receiving a scholarship from an OA home group, scholarship committee will consider eligibility.

2. First -me applicant(s) will be considered first.

APPLICATION FOR AN EVENT SCHOLARSHIP

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOUR JOURNEY IN RECOVERY:

How long have you been in OA?

What is your length of abstinence?

What type of OA service have you engaged in?

Why do you want to attend this event?

Have you read the requirements for an OA scholarship?

Are you able to fulfill the commitments laid out in the requirements?

Is there any information you would like to add for consideration?

Email your application to: treasurer@oagulfcoast.org

GCFI monthly meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:15 PM. You can find the link at oagulfcoast.org.

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