



The Huntington's Disease Society of America will be hosting the 32nd Annual HDSA Convention in Schaumburg, IL on June 22-24, 2017. To help local families participate, we are pleased to announce the creation of a financial aid scholarship for individuals and/or families living in Illinois who wish to attend the Annual Convention. We are accepting applications through Wednesday, April 19, 2017. Applicants will be notified no later than Friday, May 5, 2017 as to whether they have been awarded a scholarship.

This fund was established to benefit individuals and families affected by Huntington's disease and is made possible through the generous support of Lundbeck.

Scholarship Availability & Application

- The intent of this scholarship is to help families and individuals who live in the state of Illinois to attend the 32nd Annual HDSA Convention.
- The scholarship is open to any family member or caregiver who is affected by Huntington's disease.
- All scholarship recipients are required to attend the Convention events beginning on Thursday evening, June 22nd and ending on Saturday, June 24th.

What does the Scholarship cover?

- **A Full Scholarship:** A full scholarship recipient will receive funding to cover hotel accommodations at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel (you may be asked to share a room with other scholarship recipients) and Convention registration, which includes your ticket to the Convention Gala on Saturday.
- **A Partial Scholarship:** A partial scholarship may be awarded when the total amount of funds in the overall scholarship fund will not allow for a full scholarship. Any person may also request a partial scholarship if they are able to pay for some portion of their costs and only require partial assistance.

Application Deadline: Applications must be received no later than, **Wednesday, April 19, 2017**. The application and required documents are to be mailed to:

Deb Boyd, Great Lakes Regional Director
Huntington's Disease Society of America
Attn: Convention Scholarship - Illinois
PO Box 72
Richland, MI 49083
Phone: 269-629-5452

Applications may also be scanned and emailed as a pdf to dboyd@hdsa.org

HDSA Annual Convention Scholarship Application 2017: *Illinois*

This, and all following pages, must be completed and submitted to the Great Lakes Regional Director as your "application" for the HDSA Annual Convention Scholarship: *Illinois*. The application may be completed by any person with HD, caregiver, or family member who needs financial assistance to attend the HDSA Convention in Schaumburg, IL. The Scholarship Review Committee will keep all information contained on this application in strict confidence, and you will be notified by the Great Lakes Regional Director of your application status upon review of applications and available funds.

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Determination of Scholarship Awards: The scholarship awards will be determined by the Scholarship Committee based on financial need, previous Convention attendance, location and the applicant's essay. Applicants will be notified no later than Friday, May 5, 2017 as to whether they have been awarded a scholarship or not.

Applicant (All fields are required, no P.O. Boxes please).

Name:		Birth Date:	
Street Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Email Address:			
Special Meal:	<input type="checkbox"/> Pureed Food <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free		

Name:		Birth Date:	
Relationship to Applicant:			
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Sections 1 through 7**1. Previous attendance at an Annual HDSA Convention:**

I have never attended a Convention before. This will be my 2nd Convention.
 This will be my 3rd Convention. I have attended 4 or more Conventions.

2. I have attended local:

HDSA fundraisers HDSA Support Groups
 State Conventions I am new to HDSA and this would be my first event

3. Are you active in any local HDSA Chapter/Affiliate and/or Support Groups

Yes No
 If yes, please provide the name of the Chapter/Affiliate and/or Support Group:

4. Essay – “What do you hope to obtain from attending the Annual HDSA Convention?”

Please write/type and attach to your application an essay on “What you hope to gain from attending the Annual HDSA Convention”? This essay should be a minimum of 200 words and not to exceed 500 words. It must be returned with your scholarship application. You can have someone in your family help you write your essay. Please provide any information about your personal involvement in supporting Huntington’s disease advocacy, awareness, education, or fund raising efforts either through an HDSA Chapter or Affiliate, support group, local or national media, etc.

5. Type of Financial Help Needed: This section will help us to better understand the financial support you’ll need to attend the HDSA Annual Convention.

As a scholarship winner, I’ll need help with (check what you will need help with):

Full Scholarship: including funding to cover hotel accommodations (you may be asked to share a room with other scholarship recipients) and Convention registration, which includes your ticket to the Convention Gala dinner on Saturday

Partial Scholarship: check partial when you only need assistance with the individual items checked below.

Hotel room: (3 nights) in Schaumburg, IL (Please note that you may be asked to share rooms with other scholarship recipients)

Convention Registration: fee including a ticket to the Convention Gala.

6. Financial Need: The total 2016 Gross Annual Income for my household was:

Under \$20,000 Over \$20,000 but under \$45,000
 Over \$45,000 but under \$70,000 \$70,000 or higher

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7. Release of Liability Applicants 18 and Over

Release of Liability Applicants 18 and Over: I hereby accept full responsibility for the safety and care of myself and my family members traveling with me should I be awarded an HDSA Convention Scholarship. I and my family members traveling with me are able to travel on their own and attend the HDSA Convention in Schaumburg, IL without aid or supervision.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

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