



The Huntington's Disease Society of America's
2010 – 7th Annual National Youth Alliance [NYA]
National Convention Scholarship

The Huntington's Disease Society of America is pleased to announce it is now accepting applications for HDSA's 2010 – 7th Annual National Youth Alliance (NYA) National Convention Scholarship.

The intent of this scholarship is to help active members of the NYA, living with Huntington's Disease, attend the HDSA NYA Day on Thursday, June 24, 2010 and the HDSA National Convention on June 25-27th in Raleigh, NC.

This Fund was established to benefit all current members of the NYA and exists because of the support and generosity of families at the NYA Silent Auction and other events held at the annual HDSA National Convention, as well as fundraising efforts by NYA members throughout the year.

Scholarship Availability & Application

The scholarship is open to any current or alumni member of the NYA. You must be a registered member of HDSA's NYA to apply. Membership information is available at www.hdsa.org/nya

All Scholarship recipients are required to attend NYA Day on Thursday, June 24, 2010 as well as all pertinent workshops and NYA activities planned during the course of the National Convention. You will also be expected to file a report on some aspect of NYA Day or the Convention to be posted on the NYA website within 30 days of returning from the convention.

The 2010 NYA Scholarship Application follows this introduction. The application is also available on-line from the HDSA website (www.hdsa.org/nya). (Forms printed from that website should be printed in "portrait" setting.)

What does the scholarship cover?

- A Full Scholarship:
A full scholarship recipient will receive funding to cover round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations (you may be asked to share a room with other scholarship recipients) and convention registration (which covers all workshops for two days and Convention Gala).
- A Partial Scholarship:
A partial scholarship recipient will receive funding to cover one of the following:
 - Round-trip airfare
 - Hotel Accommodations
 - Convention Registration (which covers all workshops for two days and Convention Gala).

Application Deadline:

Applications must be post-marked no later than midnight, Friday, March 19, 2010. The application, essay and all required signatures are to be mailed to:

NYA

Huntington's Disease Society of America

505 Eighth Avenue, Suite 902

New York, N.Y. 10018

Attention: Mynelly Perez

Email: mperez@hdsa.org

Notification of Winners

Applicants will be notified no later than April 5, 2010 as to the status of their application.

Contributions to this Fund

If you know someone who would like to contribute to this scholarship fund, please ask them to mail a check or money order, payable to the "HDSA" and in the memo please write "NYA Scholarship Fund" to the above address. They may also call Mynelly Perez at 800 345 HDSA ext 214 to make a donation to the fund with a credit card. Thank you for your continued support to the Huntington's Disease Society of America and the HDSA National Youth Alliance!

Sincerely,

/s/ Mynelly Perez

HDSA Manager of Special Events & Development

Attached:

2010 NYA Convention Scholarship Application

**2010 HDSA – National Youth Alliance Convention
Scholarship Fund Application**

This, and all following pages, must be completed and submitted to HDSA as your “application” for the 2010 HDSA NYA Convention Scholarship. The application may be completed by any NYA member who needs financial assistance to attend the HDSA 2010 National Convention in Raleigh, NC. The NYA Scholarship Review Committee will keep all information contained on this application in strict confidence, however the names of the scholarship winners will be announced on the HDSA website, as well as in other HDSA publications.

Deadline: Friday, March 19, 2010

Determination of Scholarship Awards

The scholarship awards will be determined by the HDSA NYA Scholarship Committee based on financial need and the applicant’s essay. You will be notified no later than April 5, 2010 if you have won a 2010 Convention Scholarship.

Applicant (all fields are required, no P.O. boxes please)

Name:					Birth date			
Street Address								
City:				State:			Zip:	
Home Phone:				Cell Phone				
Email Address:								

Parent or Guardian

If you are a minor (under18) please provide the following information about your parent or guardian:

Name:								
Relationship to Applicant								
Street Address								
City:				State:			Zip:	
Home Phone:				Cell Phone				
Email Address:								

Sections 1 through 5 - 2010 NYA Convention Scholarship Application

1. Previous attendance at a HDSA National Convention:

- I have never attended a convention before.
 This will be my 2nd convention.
 This will be my 3rd convention.
 I have attended 3 or more conventions.

If you have attended conventions in the past, please list the years you have attended.

2. I have been a member of the NYA for:

- 2 years or longer.
 less than 2 years, longer than 1 year.
 less than 1 year, longer than 6 months.
 less than 6 months.

3. Are you actively part of a local HDSA Chapter and/or support group

- Yes No
If yes, please provide the name of the chapter and/or support group .
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4. Financial Need

a. How many people/dependents are currently living in your home (including yourself): [a dependent is defined as those in Box 6 of IRS Income Tax form 1040, including the person filing.]

- Adults 18 and older:
 Children 17 and younger:

b. The total 2009 Gross Annual Income for my household was:

Adjusted Gross Income is line 44 on IRS Income Tax form 1040.

- Under \$10,000
 Over \$10,000 but under \$20,000
 Over \$20,000 but under \$30,000
 \$30,000 or higher

5. Essay – “What attending an HDSA National Convention means to me”.

On the separate sheet of paper provided below please write, and submit with your application, an essay on “What Attending the HDSA National Convention would mean to you.”

6. Type of Financial Help Needed: Complete this section and return it with you application. It will help us better understand the financial support you'll need to attend the HDSA National Convention.

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

_____ HDSA Convention Registration fee

_____ Hotel room (4 nights) in Raleigh, NC (Please note that you may be asked to share rooms with other scholarship winners)
If yes, how many nights: _____

_____ Roundtrip airfare

If yes, what airport is closest to you: _____

Are other family members planning on attending the 2010 Convention: ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, how many people from your family plan to attend: _____ [HDSA family registration fee]

If yes, do you plan on sharing a room at a hotel with one of them? ___ Yes ___ No

Sections I through VI Signatures Required Where Applicable

I – Proof of Financial Hardship

If you are unable to provide a copy of your household's 2009 [or most recent] IRS tax return with your application, the following form must be completed and signed. A member of your HDSA Chapter, a social worker, your physician or a clergy person should sign this. This person is attesting that you require financial assistance in order for you to attend the convention.

II – Financial Witness

I, (print name) _____

I represent (HDSA Chapter, Clergy etc.): _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email: _____

I hereby attest that the above applicant requires financial support in order to attend the 2010 HDSA National Convention.

Signature: _____

Date _____

III Applicants who are Minors (under the age of 18)

All applicants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or an adult guardian.

If the applicant is under the age of 18, and will be attending the convention without a parent/ legal guardian, a guardian must be appointed by the parent/legal guardian. You are required to provide the name and signature of a guardian in the below space:

Minor's Name: _____

Birth date: _____

I, (print name) _____ am the above applicant's
(relationship): _____

hereby attest to the fact that the above minor NYA applicant is able to attend the 2010 HDSA National convention under the supervision of the following guardian:

Name of guardian: _____

Signature of parent/legal guardian _____

Date _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email: _____

IV Release of Liability Applicants 18 and Over

I hereby accept full responsibility for my own safety and care should I be awarded a HDSA 2010 NYA convention scholarship. I am able to travel on my own and attend the HDSA National Convention in Raleigh, NC without aid or supervision.

Signature of Applicant:

Date: _____

V Release of Liability Applicants under 18

I, the undersigned, understand that neither the HDSA, the HDSA NYA Scholarship Committee, the convention Hotels, or any member of its staff, will be liable for the applicant's safety or care if they are awarded a 2010 HDSA NYA Convention Scholarship.

Signature of Applicant [or Parent if applicant is a minor]:

Date: _____

If you are a parent or guardian, check one :

I will _____, I will not _____ be attending the convention with the applicant.

Deadline & Mailing Instructions

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Application Check list:

Did you remember to....

Fill out all fields in the application

Sign all the forms

Attach a copy of you 2009 IRS Tax Return (We only need the top page that reflects your name and gross income, any information such as social security numbers may be blocked out)

Attach your essay

