



Doula Spirit Fund Conference Fee Waiver Application

DONA International is pleased to be able to offer full conference early registration fee waivers to qualified applicants. If financial concerns will keep you from attending the DONA International Annual Conference and you are already a *current* DONA International member, you are invited to apply. A limited number of waivers are available.

Deadline: All completed applications must be received no later than March 31.
Conference fee waiver recipients will be notified at the end of April via e-mail.

DOULA SPIRIT FUND APPLICATION

Copy and complete the following information. Answers to the questions do not need to be typed, but must be legible and fit onto one sheet of paper.

You are required to send your application in two (2) formats:

1. E-mail a complete packet of documentation attached in MSWord format and/or scanned and attached to DSFChair@DONA.org.
2. Also mail or fax a complete packet of original documentation (*with signatures*) to:

Doula Spirit Fund Committee
DONA International
2851 South Parker Road, Suite 560
Aurora, Colorado 80014
Fax: 303-755-7363

Please note, the statement below must be signed and included with the application.

SIGNED STATEMENT

By signing this form I am indicating that (a) I am a current DONA International member; (b) I have financial need and *would not otherwise be able to attend* the DONA International Annual Conference; (c) I agree to accept the Committee’s decision without question in the event I am not selected; and (d) I understand that approved applicants will be expected to volunteer to provide conference support duties during the conference when not at sessions.

Applicant’s signature

Applicant’s printed name

Applicant’s mailing address

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

THIS APPLICATION MUST ALSO INCLUDE:

1. Outline the reason(s) you are seeking a conference fee waiver, including an explanation of your personal circumstances and a description of any financial limitations.
2. Describe events or circumstances that have shaped your desire to attend the conference and which will help us know more about you.
3. Share what you believe will be your potential contribution to your community after attending the conference. List at least three (3) of your long-term goals as a doula in your community.
4. Attach two (2) letters of reference written by clients, doula colleagues or other professionals in the birth or postpartum field, which must include their phone numbers and e-mail addresses, and which answer the following questions:
 - In what capacity and for what length of time have you known the applicant?
 - What strengths does the applicant offer the community as a DONA doula?