



## DONA Spirit Fund Committee Conference Fee Waiver Application

DONA International is pleased to be able to offer conference 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 June 18, 2018.**

Conference fee waiver recipients will be notified in June 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 no more than two pages long.

You are required to send your application in one of two ways (choose one):

1. E-mail a complete packet of documentation attached in PDF format and/or scanned and attached to [spiritfund@DONA.org](mailto:spiritfund@DONA.org).

OR

2. Mail or fax a complete packet of original documentation (with signatures) to:

Doula Spirit Fund Committee  
DONA International  
35 E. Wacker Dr. Ste 850  
Chicago, IL 60601-2106  
Phone: 888-788-3662

**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 understand that travel and hotel expenses are not included, the scholarship only includes conference registration fees and does not include pre-conference sessions. (d) I agree to accept the Committee's decision without question in the event I am not selected; and (e) I understand that approved applicants will be expected to volunteer to provide conference support duties during portions of the conference when not at sessions.

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Applicant's signature

Applicant's printed name

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Applicant's mailing address

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Created:

Last revised: April 2018

BOD Revision Approval:

**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. (10 pts)
2. Describe events or circumstances that have shaped your desire to attend the conference and which will help us know more about you. (10 pts)
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. (20 pts)
4. Attach two (2) letters of reference written by clients, doula colleagues or other professionals in the birth or postpartum field, who must include their phone numbers and e-mail addresses and 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? (5 pts per reference)