



2024 Alpha-1 National Conference Patient First-Time Attendee Scholarship Program

PROGRAM

The Alpha-1 Foundation is offering 100 scholarships for Alpha-1 patients who are **first-time in-person** attendees to the Alpha-1 National Conference but may have financial constraints to attend.

Please note that assistance is available on a limited basis and only to those who have not previously attended an Alpha-1 National Conference in person.

Travel & Lodging Assistance Includes:

Travel

- A **plane ticket** on a commercial airline up to \$500 for the scholarship recipient and a \$50 Uber voucher to help cover roundtrip travel costs to and from Miami International Airport (MIA) and the conference hotel.
- OR **mileage reimbursement** up to \$300 for those who choose to drive.

Accommodations

- Up to 3 nights stay (Thursday, Friday, Saturday night) at the conference hotel

Registration & Meals

- Conference Registration Fee
 - The registration fee covers all meals provided during the official conference days – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning

FAQs

Who is eligible to receive a scholarship?

Alpha-1 patients who have not previously attended an Alpha-1 National Conference in person and would like to attend to learn about their condition and meet others living with Alpha-1 but have financial constraints.

Alpha-1 patients who have attended virtually in the past are eligible to apply for a scholarship to attend the conference in person.

Alpha-1 patients who have attended the Alpha-1 National Conference in person in the past are not eligible. Attendance at an Alpha-1 Education Day does not exclude someone from being eligible for a scholarship.

Are caregivers or a second person covered under the scholarship?

If an additional person is traveling with the patient first time attendee, A1F will cover the conference registration fee for that person. That additional person is responsible for their travel costs.

Are people outside of the U.S. eligible to receive a scholarship?

Currently, the scholarship program is only eligible for Alpha-1 patients in the United States.

For those requesting a plane ticket, how will travel arrangements be made?

Once a scholarship recipient has been verified, A1F will provide details for travel to be arranged through the approved A1F travel agent.

The scholarship recipient will be responsible for arranging their flights with the approved A1F travel agent. The scholarship recipient will not need to cover travel costs upfront, provided the flight does not exceed \$500.

Please wait to arrange your travel until you receive the notification of your scholarship as no reimbursements will be made.

For those requesting mileage reimbursement, how and when will the reimbursement be made?

Scholarship recipient will fill out a mileage reimbursement form provided by A1F. A mileage reimbursement check will be given to the scholarship recipient at the Alpha-1 National Conference at a designated pick-up time and location.

Do I make my own hotel arrangements?

You are responsible for booking your hotel room. A link to book your hotel room will be sent with the notification of scholarship email. A credit card will be required during booking to hold your reservation, but the cost of your 3-night hotel stay (Thr, Fri, Sat nights) will be transferred to the master account (Room & Tax only). You will be required to present a credit card upon arrival to cover any incidental charges. Any incidental charges incurred during your stay will be the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.

Is the cost of the Alpha-1 National Conference registration waived if I receive a scholarship?

Yes, the conference registration fee is waived for the scholarship recipient.

What if my expenses total more than my scholarship will cover?

Attendees who receive a scholarship are responsible for all expenses incurred above the total amount of the scholarship assistance.

Can I use the Uber voucher for something other than designated?

The A1F provided Uber voucher is to be used to cover roundtrip travel costs between Miami International Airport (MIA) and the conference hotel only. The \$50 Uber voucher is based on \$25 from MIA to the Hilton upon arrival and \$25 from the Hilton to MIA upon departure. Scholarship recipients are responsible for any charges incurred above the amount of the voucher.