

What is the Delegate's Equalized Expense?

The Equalized Expense refers to the cost of sending the Delegate to Conference. The Delegate's Equalized Expense is calculated by dividing the full amount for all Delegates to attend Conference by the number of all Delegates. Since travel costs vary for each Delegate, a formula was created to show a general equalized expense. The full amount includes travel, lodging, meals and incidentals for Delegates, plus their portion of the Conference supply costs. The Board of Trustees reviews the full amount and then determines what a substantial portion of that amount is. This then becomes the Equalized Expense. The Service Manual goes on to say, 'The balance of the Conference is paid out of AFG Inc's General Fund *'. As our 7th tradition suggests, we may always give more in gratitude for what we have received from Al-Anon Family Groups.

Last year we sent \$2500 for the 2020 WSC, which was over the Full Amount (\$1,959). We were able to donate this money back to the WSO to alleviate the deficit due to a sharp decrease in literature sales during the pandemic.

Since the Conference was virtual again in 2021, our Area donated the \$2,500 that we budgeted for the Equalized Expense to help with the deficit.

This year's Equalized Expense is \$2,137. The full amount is \$3,053. The cost is higher because the Conference is being held in NY and because the World Service Conference voted to include French and Spanish translation services at Conference. The Iowa Area budgeted \$2,500. I'd like us to consider donating the full amount since we are able to.

What questions do you have about the Delegate's Equalized Expense before we consider a motion?

With gratitude,

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*See the current Service Manual 2018-2021 version two (2) pg 165