

Frequently Asked Questions About A.A. Contributions

1. How can I contribute to support the services provided by the General Service Office (G.S.O.) of A.A.?

Currently, A.A. members may contribute the following four (4) ways:

- i. Visit our online Member Contributions site directly by clicking here. (https://contribution.aa.org/)
- ii. You may also access the Contributions site through www.aa.org (https://www.aa.org/)by selecting the "Make a Contribution" button.
- iii. Contact Member Services at (212) 870-3023 or email memberservices@aa.org (mailto:memberservices@aa.org).
- iv. Checks or money orders can be made payable to "General Service Board" and mailed to:

General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous Post Office Box 2407 James A. Farley Station New York, NY 10116-2407

2. Can I contribute on behalf of a member or loved one who has passed away?

Yes, an A.A. group or an A.A. member may contribute on behalf of another A.A. member who has passed away.

- 3. How can I obtain my group ID number?
 - i. You may obtain your group ID number locally by contacting your area registrar. You can also email Member Services at memberservices@aa.org (mailto:memberservices@aa.org) or by calling (212) 870-3023.
 - ii. You may also obtain your group ID number by going directly to the main contribution page. (https://contribution.aa.org/) Select "Yes" next to "Credit to your Group?", and then click in the "Find Your Group" box, which will open the group search.



4. Can I contribute to A.A. even though I am not an A.A. member?

No. A.A.'s Seventh Tradition suggests that we ought to be fully self-supporting through the voluntary contributions of our own members. While we appreciate the generosity of non-members, in keeping with this Tradition we must decline outside contributions.

- 5. What is the maximum amount for contributions and bequests?
 - i. Individual A.A. members may contribute up to \$7,500 per year.
 - ii. Bequests in wills are limited to a one-time contribution of \$10,000 per individual and are acceptable only from A.A. members.
 - iii. There are no limits on group contributions.
 - iv. If a group wants to contribute in memory of a deceased member, there is no limit to how much it may contribute.
- 6. Do you accept contributions via Venmo?

We are currently not accepting contributions through Venmo.

- 7. Do you accept contribution via credit cards, debit cards or PayPal?

 Yes, we do accept contributions via all major credit cards, debit cards and PayPal.
- 8. How long will it take for me to receive an acknowledgment?
 - i. Contributions made via a check or money order take about 3 to 4 weeks for us to receive and process. Please allow another 30 to 45 days after we have received and processed your check or money order for your acknowledgment to be mailed.
 - ii. If your contribution was made via the Contributions website or with Member Services, you will receive an acknowledgment immediately.
- 9. How can I cancel or update a recurring contribution?

You may cancel or update a recurring contribution by going directly to the Contributions website by clicking here. (https://contribution.aa.org/)

- After logging in, click on "My Account" in the upper right corner of the page, then click on "Recurring Contributions." If you're on a mobile device, click the "hamburger" menu in the upper left corner.
- Select the recurring contribution that you would like to cancel or update and click "Edit."
- You will be able to edit your contribution on this page. To cancel your recurring contribution select "No" from the "Is Active" dropdown menu.
- Click on "Save" at the bottom of the page.

10. What are the different types of contributions I can make as an A.A. member?

- 1. An INDIVIDUAL contribution can only be made by a member of A.A.. The member can optionally choose to credit their group. The maximum contribution amount for an individual is \$7,500 per year.
- 2. Individual contributions can be categorized as one of the following:
 - a. A.A. Birthday / Anniversary On their A.A. BIRTHDAY or ANNIVERSARY, some members contribute \$1 or more for each year of sobriety (up to \$7,500 annually).
 - b. Memorial A MEMORIAL contribution comes from an A.A. member, in memory of another member who has passed. Please note that memorial contributions are subject to the individual contribution limit of \$7,500 per year.
- 3. A GROUP contribution comes from 7th Tradition collections of an A.A. group.
- 4. SPECIAL EVENTS contributions are surplus funds realized from conferences, conventions, round-ups, and more.

11. Does my area delegate receive a quarterly statement, and what does the statement reflect?

Yes, area delegates receive a quarterly statement. However, the statement only includes contributions from groups that have chosen to list with G.S.O.

12. How can I request a refund?

You may request a refund by contacting Member Services at memberservices@aa.org (mailto:memberservices@aa.org) or by calling (212) 870-3023.

13. How can I request contribution envelopes?

- i. You may request contribution envelopes by contacting Member Services at memberservices@aa.org (mailto:memberservices@aa.org) or by calling (212) 870-3023.
- ii. You may also order contribution envelopes directly from our online bookstore here. (https://onlineliterature.aa.org/)
- 14. What if I forget my password to log into the contributions website?

 Click on "forgot password" to reset your password.