

Self-Support & Finance Assignment Activity Update

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Warm greetings from the Self-Support and Finance desk here at the General Service Office (GSO) of the US and Canada. It is so nice to be in touch with you all. As the Self-Support and Finance Coordinator, I am happy to share activity happening on the assignment.

Included within this activity update are resources, current updates, and news from the General Service Office intended to help keep members informed and to support clearer, more transparent communication between GSO's financial activity, and the Fellowship.

The assignment strives to update service material and build its repository, so please contact the assignment with any questions, experiences, and lessons learned as it relates to self-support and finance.

Contributions and Self-Support section of aa.org

We've recently updated the [Contributions and Self-Support](#) section on aa.org to improve accessibility and better reflect our shared experience. In late September 2026, the page will be repurposed in three sections allowing members to more easily access and navigate the page. It will include a section dedicated to contributions information, another section focused on self-support resources, and the last section will be A.A. Finances as they relate to AAWS or the GSB.

New and updated service material on aa.org:

- F-203 Seventh Tradition Fact Sheet –Your Seventh Tradition Contribution
<https://www.aa.org/seventh-tradition-fact-sheet-your-seventh-tradition-contributions>
- SMF-223 FAQ on Practicing the Seventh Tradition at Virtual Meetings-
<https://www.aa.org/faq-practicing-seventh-tradition-virtual-meetings>

- F-241 Resource List for Information on Self-Support and Finance-
<https://www.aa.org/resource-list-information-self-support-and-finance>
- MG-15 A.A. Guidelines on Finance - <https://www.aa.org/aa-guidelines-finance>

Call for Shared Experience on the 7th Tradition in Action - Audio Recording

We are asking members to participate in a call for sharing about self-support and the 7th tradition in action. Below are instructions and more information about this call for sharing:

English:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/tw06ZI2S3R0>

Spanish:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/v1ONAxn7D3A>

French:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/4YxL1cTLK6o>

Early October 2026 we will begin to release the audio content shared on how the 7th Tradition contributions to GSB allow members to hear as well as carry the message of A.A. For more information please contact: selfsupportfinance@aa.org

Monthly Communication on Self-Support

Many members who fulfill service positions have been contacted for the monthly communication on self-support. This communication has been an effort to allow members to share on their personal experience of the Seventh Tradition in action whether that means serving the corporate boards, working at the General Service Office, or as a conference member. These shares highlighted the importance of self-support from an individual perspective and can be made available upon request.

Be on the lookout for the newest communication which will incorporate audio/video shares on 7th Tradition impacts, quarterly financial information, and additional information related to contributions and self-support October 2026.

If you are a group listed contact, GSR, DCM, IG/CO manager, a conference member, or past trusted servant and have not received any of the self-support monthly communications please contact selfsupportfinance@aa.org .

Contribution Portal on aa.org

Updates to the contribution portal are currently underway through a collaboration between the Technology Department and the Finance Department. There will be updated abilities within this portal to receive contributions through a contribution vendor. This will allow members to make contributions in new and various ways to the General Service Board. This platform supports a fellowship request to support additional payment methods, these methods include Credit/debit cards, Apple Pay & Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo in the US, ACH Direct Debit in the US, and Canadian Pre-Authorized Debit. The platform also

supports contributions made, settled and acknowledged in Canadian dollars. A formal update will be communicated broadly to the Fellowship when this integration is completed sometime mid-October.

Financial Reporting & Audit Information -Information about GSO finances is available and posted on aa.org:

- [Quarterly Report from GSO](https://www.aa.org/quarterly-reports-from-gso)
<https://www.aa.org/quarterly-reports-from-gso>
- [AAWS Highlights](https://www.aa.org/aaws-highlights)
<https://www.aa.org/aaws-highlights>
- [Final Conference Report](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/2025-general-service-conference-final-report-en-updated-1025.pdf) –
<https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/2025-general-service-conference-final-report-en-updated-1025.pdf>

Annual audited financial statements for AAWS and GSB are available on the website of the New York State Charities Bureau:

- [Alcoholics Anonymous World Services Inc](https://charities-search.ag.ny.gov/RegistrySearch/01-01-17) –
<https://charities-search.ag.ny.gov/RegistrySearch/01-01-17>
- [General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Inc](https://charities-search.ag.ny.gov/RegistrySearch/01-32-71) –
<https://charities-search.ag.ny.gov/RegistrySearch/01-32-71>

F-19 Self-Support Packet (<https://onlineliterature.aa.org/Self-Support-Packet>)

A Self-Support packet is available free of cost and can be ordered by members to utilize within groups, districts, and areas. Thanks to contributions from A.A. members throughout the United States and Canada this is provided at no cost. This tool is a resource to support conversations on the Seventh Tradition and self-support.

Everything AA App

The Self-Support and Finance assignment has received an influx of inquiries regarding the Everything AA app now under the ownership of A.A. World Services. We encourage you to contact everythingaa@aa.org with any questions.

GSO Podcast, Our Primary Purpose(<https://www.aa.org/gso-podcast>)

The GSO podcast continues to share experience across service topics. A Season 2 episode focuses on self-support and how contributions support the work of carrying the message of A.A. Listen [here](#) or wherever you listen to podcasts.

You will also find an additional self-support episode in Season 1, Episode 1: *Flipping the Triangle*, an interview with GSO's comptroller and a discussion of AA's self-support model.

Upcoming Staff Travel for the Self-Support & Finance assignment

October 2 - 4: Area 4 - Arkansas (Area Assembly)

December 4 - 6, 2027: Pacific Regional Forum, San Diego, California

February 21, 2027: Northern New Jersey - Area 44 GSR Mid-Winter Luncheon

June 4 - 6, 2027: Texas State Convention