

The Brain Injury Association of New York State's Annual Conference returns to Saratoga Springs on June 10–11, and the Scholarship Program is back as well. Funded through generous donors and support from programs like Go Blue! for Brain Injury, these scholarships help brain injury survivors, families, and caregivers attend a conference that can spark meaningful connections, lasting growth, and renewed hope.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- The Annual Conference will take place June 10-11 at the Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs
- Conference sessions will begin at 4:15 pm on Wednesday, June 10
- The conference will conclude after dinner on Thursday, June 11, at 7 pm

### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

For 2026, scholarship funding will cover registration for the Annual Conference, hotel stay (up to 2 nights based on specific criteria), and four conference meals. Scholarship recipients must commit to participating in both days of the Annual Conference.

If a caregiver, aide, or family member is required to travel with the scholarship recipient, their conference registration and meals will be included. A separate hotel room will not be provided, and they are expected to share the recipient's hotel room.

#### Eligibility & Selection for Annual Conference Scholarship:

*Please consider applying only if financial hardship would otherwise prevent you from attending.*

- Scholarship applicants must be residents of New York State.
- Scholarship applicants must be a brain injury survivor, and/or caregiver, or a family member of a brain injury survivor.
- Scholarship recipients will be selected at random.
- Scholarship recipients must commit to participation in applicable conference events.

*Scholarships DO NOT cover transportation costs (trains, tolls, gas, mileage, etc.) and meals that are not part of the four planned conference meals.*

#### Hotel:

If you are applying for a scholarship, please do not make a reservation with the Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs, as BIANYS will arrange hotel accommodations on your behalf.

Scholarship applicants may request hotel accommodation for\*:

- Wednesday and Thursday nights (June 10 and 11) OR
- Wednesday night only (June 10) OR
- Thursday night only (June 11)

*\*Please note that early check-in is not available.*

If you live within one hour of Saratoga Springs, please consider requesting only the night of Wednesday, June 10, and traveling home after dinner when the Annual Conference ends on Thursday, June 11.

If you request two nights, you are expected to actively participate in both days of the conference.

**Important Dates:**

- April 7, Scholarship applications open
- May 7, Scholarship recipients will begin to receive notification
- After May 7, Scholarships will be granted on a rolling basis if funds are available

For questions about scholarships, contact Michelle Kellen at [mkellen@bianys.org](mailto:mkellen@bianys.org).