



The ileostomy & internal pouch

Support Group

Registered Charity

**APPLICATION FOR THE AWARD OF A GRANT FROM
THE VICTORIA WILLS IA POUCH BURSARY FUND
TOWARDS THE COSTS OF ATTENDING:**

Please complete in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

Name:		Post Code:	
Address:		Telephone No:	
		E-Mail Address: (if applicable)	
		IA member organization of which you are a member:	
		How long have you been a member of IA?	
		Employment status :	

What do you hope to gain by attendance at this event? *(please continue on an additional sheet if necessary)*

Summary of involvement at local/national level: *(please continue on an additional sheet if necessary)*

Other information, to be completed by a committee member of your local IA member organisation : *(please continue on an additional sheet if necessary)*

I confirm that I have an ileo-anal pouch and am a member of **IA**. I understand that there may be other costs which I shall have to meet from my own resources.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Application Supported by: _____ Date: _____

Position held within **IA**: _____

When complete please return to:

IA National Office.
Peverill House,
1-5 Mill Road,
Ballyclare,
Co. Antrim
BT39 9DR

THE VICTORIA WILLS IA INTERNAL POUCH BURSARY FUND

1. The Victoria Wills IA Internal Pouch Bursary Fund (Pouch Bursary) shall be used to fund IA members to attend pouch events in circumstances whereby the IA member may not be able to attend the event through financial hardship.
2. The events for which the Pouch Bursary may be applied for shall be:
 - a. IA National Council meetings
 - b. Internal Pouch Information Days
 - c. Other events that from time to time the internal pouch sub-committee may deem such funding is appropriate.
3. For the purposes of the Pouch Bursary, the bursary is available for IA members who have an internal pouch.
4. Prior to the Pouch Bursary being advertised for each event listed in point 2, the internal pouch sub-committee shall recommend to the executive committee the number of bursaries available for that event. This shall be confirmed by the executive committee and, once set, shall not be exceeded, irrespective of the number of bursary applications received.
5. Each bursary shall cover up to the full advertised cost of attending the event. Some contribution to travel costs may be made for certain events (which will be no more than the cost of standard cost rail travel available at the time the award is made).
6. Any incidental expenditure incurred by the member awarded the bursary such as travel to and from the event and subsistence (including the costs of submitting the bursary application), shall not be covered by the bursary and the member shall be expected to cover these expenses themselves.
7. Applications will be required to be counter-signed by a committee member of that member's local member organisation. This committee member shall also be required to write a short narrative explaining why they feel that the member in question should be awarded the bursary and why the IA member would not otherwise be able to attend the event without funding from the bursary.
8. Any member of IA shall only be awarded one bursary during a period of three years. This is to ensure that as many members of IA as possible benefit from the Pouch Bursary.
9. All applications must be received by the stated deadline. Applications received after the stated deadline will not be considered unless evidence can be provided to show that the bursary application was sent in sufficient time to arrive before the stated deadline.
10. On considering each bursary application, the internal pouch sub-committee shall consider the following points listed below, in order of importance:
 - a. The benefit the member shall gain by attending the event.
 - b. The benefit IA will gain by the member attending the event.
 - c. Employment status (preference will be given to members who are not in employment for more than 30 hours per week and who are claiming means-tested benefit).
 - d. Member organisation status.
 - e. Other information provided on the form, as appropriate.
11. All applications shall be made on the approved application form or through the relevant online form, should this be considered appropriate.
12. All members of IA receiving a bursary shall be required to write an article which may be published in the IA journal, on the IA website or in any other publication or on any other media that from time to time should be deemed suitable by IA.
13. In the event that the recipient does not use the grant for the stated purpose, they shall be required to reimburse the full amount of the grant.