# 2027 FOP Family Gathering: Frequently Asked Questions

1. **When is the application deadline?**
   The final deadline for all applications is Sunday, January 10, 2027
2. **What if I miss the deadline?**
   If additional funds are available after the application deadline has passed, requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
3. **We received a stipend in the past; can we apply again?**
   If you received a stipend in the years 2023, 2024 or 2025 you are not eligible to apply.
4. **We live outside the US; are we eligible for a travel and lodging stipend?**
   Yes, the IFOPA can write a letter of invitation for your visa application. IFOPA cannot cover more than the allotted $1,000 for two people (no more than $500/person) for airfare. Please note, the Family Gathering will only be offered in English.
5. **Do I need to pay a registration fee for the individual with FOP?**
   No. We never charge for individuals diagnosed with FOP to register for the event. Additionally, a portion of all other family attendees' fees are underwritten by the IFOPA and reduced below the actual cost of attendance (which is more than $500 per person/adult and $200/child). Registration fees for family members in the ***early bird registration window*** are as follows:
   - 1st family, friend or caregiver: $115
   - All other guests 16+: $165
   - All other guests 5 to 15: $85
   - Guests ages 0-5: Free
6. **Is there a limit to how much I can ask for?**
   Yes. You may request a maximum of three nights of hotel accommodations (Thursday, Friday, Saturday), and funds for two individuals to travel to the event (a maximum of $1,000 for two people). You can also requests support with ground transportation to and from the airport if necessary. We ask you to only request funds that are absolutely necessary for attendance.
7. **Is the cost of registration covered?**
   No
8. **How/when will I know if I was awarded a stipend?**
   You will be notified on February 1, 2027 about the outcome of your application.
9. **Will I receive any additional support if I have an accessibility concern?**
   - Accommodations for disabilities may be handled on a case-by-case basis. Additional support is available for securing airfare and hotel reservations to meet accessibility needs. Please contact Hope Newport, Family Services Manager at hope.newport@ifopa.org for additional details.
10. **What do I need to do if I am approved?**
    - You will receive an award letter via e-mail. Read this letter carefully.
    - All Travel and Lodging Stipend Recipients are expected to fully participate in conference activities. Your acceptance of this letter serves as your contract of attendance with the IFOPA. You will be asked to complete registration for the event before travel and lodging are reserved.
    - The IFOPA will make your hotel reservation for standard rooms only within the IFOPA room block and your room rate will be billed to the IFOPA master account. You will have to provide a credit card upon check-in to leave on file with the hotel for incidentals. You will not be charged for the approved hotel room nights, but you are responsible for any additional charges made to your room and nights that are not included in your lodging stipend.
    - The IFOPA will reach out to you about booking your transportation (if requested) or you may book your travel accommodations and be reimbursed by the IFOPA after the event.