

27TH ANNUAL SUPPORT GROUP LEADERS SUMMIT 2026

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MYELOMA SUPPORT
GROUP



Below we have shared answers to the most common questions asked regarding attending the Support Group Leaders Summit. If you have a question and do not see an answer to it below, please do not hesitate to reach out:

Support Group & Travel Scholarship Questions

Cecilia Romero - sgteam@myeloma.org

Summit Registration & Hotel Accommodation Questions

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Travel Scholarship Questions

Are there Travel Scholarships available this year?

The IMF has funding available through Jack's Education & Experience Grant and generous donor support to help leaders with their travel expenses associated with attending the Summit in the amount of **up to \$750** per support group. We do ask, however, that requests be limited to those attendees who have real financial need.

What do I need to do to receive a Travel Scholarship?

To receive a scholarship, you must **check the appropriate box during the registration process**. Once your registration has been submitted, reviewed and approved, an IMF team member will reach out to confirm approval.

We kindly request that ALL leaders, including those that do not request a scholarship, utilize the IMF travel agent to book flights. This is to ensure that any cancellations, changes etc. that take place can be addressed promptly and without interrupting your participation.

What if my Leader/Co-Leader also requests a Travel Scholarship?

If both leaders from the Support Group request a scholarship, then the expenses will be covered **up to \$750 per support group to be determined by leaders. Please note only one check will be issued per group.**

Transportation Questions

Will the IMF be providing ground transportation?

Yes, the IMF has pre-arranged complimentary shuttles between **Minneapolis St. Paul Airport (MSP)** and **Omni Viking Lakes Hotel** on **Thursday, July 16th**. The shuttle departure times will be confirmed based on arrival flight times.

For your departure, the IMF has arranged complimentary shuttles on **Sunday, July 19th to Minneapolis St. Paul Airport (MSP)**. The shuttle departure times will be confirmed based on departure flight times.

Will the IMF cover the cost of transportation not provided?

If you have requested travel assistance through the Travel Scholarship and you have **not reached your group's maximum funds**, then you will be eligible to submit the cost of additional transportation expenses (mileage, parking, transportation expenses not already provided by the IMF).

Please note that a **copy of your receipt** will be required to receive reimbursement. This should be sent to meetings@myeloma.org with the subject line - **2026 SGLS (your name) Reimbursement Request - Transportation Expenses Not Provided**.

If you choose not to use the IMF provided shuttle service upon arrival and departure, the IMF will not reimburse your ground transportation.

Dress Code Questions

Is there a dress code?

We want all attendees to be as comfortable as possible throughout the Summit. While business casual attire is recommended, we also suggest **dressing in layers**, as it may be hotter or colder at times in the General Session space. **If you tend to feel chilly, please bring a sweater or wrap**. For Saturday evening, we will take our traditional group photo, so you may wish to dress up for the occasion.

Hotel Accommodation Questions

Is a hotel reservation automatically included in my registration?

A hotel reservation is not automatically included in your registration. You must submit a hotel request during the registration process. If you do not submit a hotel request no reservation will be made for you.

Is it possible to extend my stay before or after the 27th Annual Support Group Leaders Summit 2026?

As long as the hotel has availability you are welcome to extend your stay. Please contact Kristina Mease at meetings@myeloma.org to make this request. We ask that you do not contact the hotel regarding your reservation.

Please note, attendees are responsible for taxes, resort fees and parking costs associated with extending their stay and that your request is **not guaranteed** until the IMF Meetings Team has emailed you that the request has been approved.

Guest Questions

Can my Spouse attend the 27th Annual Support Group Leaders Summit 2026 with me?

Due to the limited space we ask that attendance be limited to Support Group Leaders and Co-Leaders. If your spouse is an **active member** of the group they are welcome to attend but please note that they will be **expected to register separately with their own email address and participate in all aspects of the Summit.**

Another Leader in my Support Group would like to attend. Is that ok?

Registration for the **27th Annual Support Group Leaders Summit 2026** is by invitation only. Invitations are not transferable.

Each invited Support Group is allowed **up to two co-leaders**. Please note, the IMF covers **one guest room** per support group and Guest Rooms with two beds are very limited. Attendance is approved on a **first come first serve** basis with only **100 leaders** allowed to attend in person.

Please reach out to us with any questions: sgteam@myeloma.org

Health & Safety

- To protect all participants, attendees are requested not to attend the Summit if experiencing any illness symptoms. We encourage self-testing prior to traveling to the Summit.
- Masks are not required but will be made available onsite.

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