



# 21th Quinquennial Congress

## OFS-USA 2026 Q



Dear member of the Secular Franciscan Order,

Your Quinquennial Planning Committee is thrilled to learn that you are considering attending the July 29 - August 2, 2026 Congress in Lexington, Kentucky. It is our understanding that at this time you are requesting a scholarship in order to make this possible.

We ask that you consider the following before submitting a Scholarship Application.

First, please assess how much you can personally contribute to the expenses, (registration, hotel, travel) of attending the Quinquennial. Everyone's situation will be different.

Second, you also need to determine how you will travel to the Quinquennial. Depending on your mode of transportation, please consider sharing expenses with a member of your local or regional fraternity. If you intend to fly, get an estimate for the price of airfare.

Third, we then recommend that you reach out to your Local and Regional fraternities and inquire if they budgeted funds to offer Quinquennial scholarships to their members. Scholarship applications templates are available for each: your Local, Regional and National fraternity (see attached).

Fourth, you will need to register for the event. You have the option to make a \$100 non-refundable deposit and make several payments until May 30, 2026. Please keep in mind that the Early bird registration is \$550 and will only be available until December 31, 2025. After that date, the rate goes up to \$650. In case you are awarded a scholarship for the amount of the registration, you will be provided a coupon code to enter (in place of the credit card payment).

Lastly, you will need to make your hotel reservation. As you are well aware, in order to secure a reservation, you are only required to provide a credit card which will not be charged until you stay there. If you need financial help to pay for the hotel, we ask that you consider sharing a room which would reduce the cost by half. If you are awarded a scholarship that covers your room, the Q Committee will reserve and pay for the room for you.

If you receive a scholarship from your local or regional fraternity, the treasurer should contact the Q Treasurer (Claudia Kauzlarich) to determine the best way to handle their contribution.

The Q committee's goal is to help anyone who wants to attend the Quinquennial do so without facing financial hardship. Hopefully, can find a way to make this happen, if all of us do our part to contribute. Please consider all the suggestions we share with you and let's make this gathering the best Quinquennial ever.

With Peace and JOY.

Your Q2026 Quinquennial Planning Committee.

**This is the Easter of St. Francis:**  
May our hearts beat with an  
ever-rising passion for our Franciscan charism.