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The number of college applications is down this year! This is such a great program. Make sure your members are aware that the deadline is the same every year—March 15.



Last Call for Summer Camp Grants

May 15, 2019 is the deadline for Summer Camp Grant applications. This is the last call for you to submit your application.

Helping our youth is important to our members....and that makes it important to Assured Life Association! The Society sets aside monies to provide individual Summer Camp Grants for youth with a membership connection members, children or grandchildren of members, or youth being sponsored by a local chapter. The maximum summer camp grant award is \$100. So, act today! Find an application at http:// assuredlife.org/ Benefits/Summer-Camp-Grants



College Scholarships Still Under Review

Assured Life received 50 college scholarship applications this year. This represents 10 less applicants than last year. Help us get the word out on our great scholarship program.

The 2019 applications are still under review, but we should have

recipients narrowed down by May 15. We will notify applicants of our determination after May 15.

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Assured Life National Member Food Drive

Assured Life Association's 11th annual national member food drive is officially underway! 1 in 8 people (over 40 million) continues to struggle with hunger here in the United States of America, making our efforts well worth it; especially when over 12.5 million are children.

The Economic Research Service of the USDA uses "food security" as a measure of hunger in the United States, and have done so since 1995. "Food Secure means that all household members had access at all times to enough food for an active. healthy life." So, households that struggle with hunger have some level of "food insecurity." In other words "they had insufficient money and other resources for food. Food insecurity

is categorized as low and very low food security. While low food security indicates that households reported problems with acquiring food and reduced quality of food, they did not report a reduction in their food intake. On the other hand, very low food security includes households reporting multiple incidences of reduced food intake and disrupted eating patterns or skipping meals. When households experience very low food security in the U.S., the "instances are usually occasional or episodic, but not usually chronic."

According to the Economic Research Service's 2017 Report of Household Food Security in the United States, an estimated 11.8% of U.S. households were food insecure in 2017. The good news is that this number is down from 12.3% in 2016; a statistically significant decrease according to the report.

Hunger occurs right in our very own backyards. Please seek out your local food bank or food pantry and see how you can help. Take action and get involved in Assured Life's National Food Drive.

Follow DBIA Tacoma Lodge 33's lead from last year and add a food drive to one of your popular member events. Top off your event by doing a Food Build with the food collected and earn your local Food Bank/Pantry up to \$250.00.

Or enter a team in Assured Life's Scramble to End Hunger. Gulf with friends and help the hungry at the same time.

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(Continued from page 2) Here is a Scramble to End Hunger action plan to follow: Get a foursome together to enter Assured Life's Scramble to End Hunger (at least 1 golfer from each team must be a member of Assured Life Association. Register your team any time before you play your tournament round of golf by completing the registration form and submitting it with a \$100 entry fee. Follow the tournament rules and guidelines or consider purchasing "buy-outs" of some of those rules and guidelines. Golf your tournament round on or before August 31, 2019! Submit your team score to the Fraternal Department by sending in the score card from the golf course you played by September 15, 2019. Find Full Rules and Guidelines on our Website at http://assuredlife.org/Volunteer/Food-Drive/Scramble-to-End-Hunger Assured Life Association Financial Summary Below is a recap of Society financial information as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 as filed in its Annual Statements: 2018 2017

Assets	\$58,383,598	\$58,707,927
Liabilities	\$45,047,453	\$45,661,470
Surplus	\$13,336,145	\$13,046,457
Net Gain from Operations	\$62,082	\$40,414
Capital Gains	\$149,939	\$110,062
Net Income	\$212,021	\$150,476
Surplus Ratio (Surplus/Assets)	22.84%	22.22%
Number of Certificates in Force	18,369	19,318

Scramble to End Hunger <u>Golf Tou</u>rnament Registration Form



A National Mail-In Golf Tournament Benefiting Feeding America

TEAM MEMBERS

1.	TEAM NAME	
2.	TEAM CAPTAIN	
3.	ADDRESS	
4.	CITY/STATE/ZIP	
FOR HOME OFFICE USE ONLY:		
Chapter Location:		
Chapter No.:		

COPY THIS FORM AS NEEDED FOR EXTRA TEAMS SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM AND REGISTRATION FEES TO ADDRESS BELOW.

\$ 100.00	TEAM REGISTRATION
\$	<i>(OPTIONAL)</i> 4 DRIVES PER PERSON BUY-OUT AT \$25.00 PER TEAM.
\$	<i>(OPTIONAL)</i> MULLIGANS—\$10.00 EACH OR 3 FOR \$25 PER GOLFER—3 MAX. PER GOLFER
\$	TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES ENCLOSED



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Chapter Reporting Results Less than 100% IRS 990-N e-Postcards Filed

The chapter reporting has basically concluded with 87% of our chapters reporting. Disappointing at best. The Fraternal Department has filed the required IRS 990-N Electronic e-Postcard on behalf of all chapters that have reported. If your chapter would like a copy of its 990-N for its records, please let me know and I will be happy to email you a copy.

If your chapter has not reported for the 2018 calendar year, please make sure that you do so as soon as possible.

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Member Benefit Extends to Chapters

Assured Life members can save up to 75% on preferred products. These exclusive member-only discounts are available to our Chapters as well. So, if you need chapter supplies, or supplies at home, be sure to check out the savings through Office Depot and Office Max.

- ⇒ 93,000 items discounted below retail!
- ⇒ Order online -Pick up in 1 hour (orders must be placed 2 hours before closing)
- ⇒ Delivery is on Office Depot/Office Max (Free on qualifying orders over \$50)



Go to www.officediscounts.org/ala for more information.

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Still Looking for Chapter Events Pictures



We received pictures from one Danish Brotherhood Lodge and one DBIA District; but still looking for more! Pictures help us tell the story of the activities and events that our members are involved in. Please share pictures

of your events from last year. Some pictures we received go back a couple years. I am especially interested in pictures applicable to 2018. So, go through your phones and digital cameras and pick out some pictures that show your members during your various activities last year. **Email them to jlc@assuredlife.org.**



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Contact the Home Office for available states and an application. 800.777.9777. Talk to Michaela at Ext 3823 or Jerry at Ext 3820.