

# World Burn Congress

OCTOBER 2-5 ANAHEIM, CA

The Phoenix Society's World Burn Congress is an annual international conference that brings together more than 800 burn survivors, their families, caregivers, burn care professionals, and firefighters.

It is a forum for encouraging and facilitating the sharing of stories, providing support and increasing knowledge of burn recovery. For many it is the first opportunity to meet and share with others who have experienced a burn trauma.

The conference also serves as a wonderful learning experience for burn care professionals to better understand the issues that impact burn survivors' lives. Many firefighters that have attended discuss the closure it brings for them as they witness burn survivors and their families living meaningful lives.

For more information about the World Burn Congress, please visit <https://www.phoenix-society.org/wbc>.

## Daniel Caruso World Burn Congress Scholarship Program

### Scholarship Program Description:

The Arizona Burn Foundation has been providing scholarships to attend the World Burn Congress to burn survivors in Arizona for numerous years. Each scholarship covers 100% of the costs involved in participating in the four-day World Burn Congress conference. This includes travel accommodations to and from the event, registration fees, and lodging. Meals not included are the scholarship recipient's responsibility. In 2017, the World Burn Congress Scholarship Program was renamed the Daniel Caruso World Burn Congress Scholarship program, in honor of the late Dr. Daniel Caruso, esteemed burn surgeon and long-time Arizona Burn Foundation supporter.

### Program Purpose:

The purpose of this program is to provide burn survivors and family members the opportunity to meet and share their story with others in the burn community. Attending World Burn Congress allows for a huge step forward in healing, building self-confidence beyond a burn injury, increased ability to share and own one's own story, and learn additional ways to cope and grow forward in healing. Individuals come back from World Burn Congress attendance with greater social connections and supports than before, and often a renewed outlook on their life and journey ahead.

### Occurrence and Distribution:

World Burn Congress occurs once yearly, in the fall, in different parts of the nation (location determined by the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors, the sponsoring organization). Arizona Burn Foundation selects 2 – 4 burn survivors/family members per year to attend as scholarship recipients. Individuals are chosen based on emotional and physical traumas endured in healing, financial need, and readiness for socialization and learning more about recovery.

### Expectations for Scholarship Recipients

Please read the following expectations for scholarship recipients and sign below acknowledging that you have read and agree to conduct yourself as follows:

- I represent the Arizona Burn Foundation and Arizona Burn Center in my attendance at World Burn Congress, so I will be mindful of my words and conduct.
- I will communicate with the Arizona Burn Foundation promptly in preparation for conference registration, travel, and attendance.
- I will not bring nor partake in illegal substances nor activities at the event.
- I will plan out workshops and attendance with Arizona Burn Foundation liaison and Arizona group attending for maximum experience and growth individually and as a team.
- I will write up a brief paragraph about my experience and insights from World Burn Congress within 2 weeks of return, and provide to Arizona Burn Foundation liaison.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), have read and understood the guidelines for accepting the scholarship and attending the World Burn Congress. I understand that if I do not follow the guidelines that I may not be invited to attend another.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*\*To submit:** Please send completed applications to [lori.janik@azburn.org](mailto:lori.janik@azburn.org) or [kelsey.john@azburn.org](mailto:kelsey.john@azburn.org) by May 17th, 2019.

