



# Call for Stories about Mental Health and Recovery

Overeaters Anonymous is developing a new piece of literature featuring personal stories from OA members in recovery who live with chronic mental health conditions. We are looking for stories that focus on your mental health challenges in relation to your physical, emotional, and spiritual recovery from unhealthy relationships with food and body image.

If any of this is part of your lived experience, please consider sharing your story as a vital service to our OA community!

## Questions to get you started:

- What is your experience with balancing your mental health issues and your OA recovery?
- How have the Steps, Traditions, and Tools helped you maintain your recovery while living with a mental health diagnosis?
- What accommodations have you needed to make in order to manage medication side effects, such as weight gain, extreme fatigue, loss of appetite, or memory loss?
- How has the program helped you respond to OA members who don't understand mental illnesses or the need for medication?
- How have you dealt with mental health issues in your role as a sponsor or sponsee?
- How have other OA members supported your recovery in the face of mental health challenges?

Send submissions to [info@oa.org](mailto:info@oa.org) by November 30, 2023 with the subject line: "Mental Health & Recovery."

## Please note:

- Submissions are assumed intended for publication, are subject to editing, become the property of OA, Inc., and will not be returned.
- All submissions must contain the author's full name and address, but you may request anonymity with publication. Your state, province, or country may also remain anonymous upon request.
- Submissions should be typed and submitted with a signed release form.
- Please keep stories to 800 words or less.
- **All languages welcome!**





## Mental Health Story RELEASE FORM

(must be included with all submissions)

Stories must be received by the World Service Office by **November 30, 2023**

### AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE FOR SUBMITTED STORY

I warrant that I am the sole owner and original author of the accompanying submitted story ("Story"), and that I have the full right and authorization to submit the Story to Overeaters Anonymous ("OA"). I understand and authorize OA to edit, copy, distribute, publish, reproduce, or copyright the Story for any lawful purpose. By submitting my Story to OA, I agree that it becomes the property of OA, will not be returned, and may be used in any type of distribution media.

I agree that I will make no monetary or other claim against OA for the use of the Story. I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my Story appears. I hereby hold harmless and release OA from all claims, demands, and causes of action that I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf (or on behalf of my estate) have or may have by reason of this authorization.

I have read the authorization and release information and give my consent for the use as indicated above.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Author's Contact Information (required):

*Include your full name, address, email, and phone.*

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#### Author's Attribution:

*For authors desiring anonymity in publication, please indicate specifically whether this applies to your name, city, state, and/or country.*

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