

National Volunteering Conference 2023 Scholarship Guidelines

The Department of Social Services (DSS) has generously provided funding towards scholarship opportunities for the National Volunteering Conference in Canberra.



The DSS scholarships program supports the attendance and participation of delegates from regional, remote or rural communities and those experiencing financial disadvantage or from identified low socio-economic areas.

The scholarships are designed to enable attendance for individuals from the following background who would not otherwise be able to attend:

- Coordinators and managers of volunteers (paid and unpaid capacity)
- Not for profit leaders and emerging leaders (paid and unpaid capacity)
- Community leaders and emerging leaders (paid and unpaid capacity)

Volunteering Australia recognises the diversity in the volunteering sector and recognises that there are a number of areas of disadvantage. Accordingly, submissions for scholarship are encouraged in the following categories:

- Regional, remote or rural communities
- Those experiencing financial disadvantage or from identified low socio-economic areas
- Voluntary and community organisations

Details

1. With the exception of Part scholarship (B), conference registration will be calculated at the early bird rate.
2. Travel and accommodation bookings will be made through the nominated state and territory peak bodies according to the following guidelines:
 - a. Where air travel is required, the best available economy fare will be booked.
 - b. In some cases it may be appropriate to allocate a petrol allowance in lieu of, or in addition to air travel – at the discretion of Volunteering WA
 - c. Accommodation will be booked at the absolute discretion of Volunteering WA
3. Scholarship winners are responsible for their own ground transport costs between major ports. Any changes to travel or accommodation that incurs an extra cost will be at the scholars expense, including other incidentals incurred as part of their journey. Any funds not apportioned by the state peak body will go to VA to allocate
4. Three categories of scholarship may be offered:
 - a. Full scholarship – Includes conference registration, return travel from any major port, and accommodation to cover the conference period. This category is designed to service organisations and scholars with no alternative resources to attend.
 - b. Part scholarship – Includes conference registration and accommodation to cover the conference period. This category may be suitable for organisations and individuals with the capacity to access budget travel options.
 - c. Conference registration. This category is designed for organisations and individuals who do not need, or who can self-fund travel and accommodation costs.

Notes on costing:

1. Travellers from most metro areas will need to travel on early Monday morning to ensure arrival at the conference in time to register before 9am. Travellers from certain distant areas including Broome, Darwin, Perth etc will need to travel on the Sunday
2. Only flights which can be undertaken in 1 day are costed (i.e. no overnights en route)

Key dates:

Applications close on **18 November 2022**.

The outcome of all applications will be advised by **6 December 2022**.

Applications should be made online at the Volunteering WA website. If you require additional assistance please contact Volunteering WA on info@volunteeringwa.org.au.