

Conference Scholarship



New Zealand Sterile Sciences Association

NZSSA Scholarship for Conference Attendance

Introduction:

The New Zealand Sterile Sciences Association (NZSSA) is committed to providing education opportunities to its members in as many formats as possible to grow knowledge and skills in the field of sterile sciences in New Zealand. This is with the aspiration of growing our leaders of the future.

This conference scholarship is being provided to enable:

- up to four members per calendar year to attend the NZSSA Annual Conference
- Up to four members per calendar year to attend a SRACA or FSRACA Conference in Australia
- One member to attend the WFHSS Conference

The scholarship will consist of:

- Return flights, including connecting flights if required, to conference from recipient's home base.
- Accommodation for:
 - Three (3) nights for New Zealand conferences
 - Four (4) nights for Australian conferences
 - Five (5) nights for international conferences.
- Full registration to the conference and conference dinner.
- Travel insurance for the period specified above.

Applicant criteria:

This conference scholarship is available to financial members (excluding associate and honorary members) of the NZSSA who wish to continue their development of knowledge related to Sterile Sciences. Applications will be considered against the pre-set criteria identified.

Applicants need to submit their application and supporting information as a professional portfolio.

Criteria for selection:

1. Current financial member of the Association
2. Qualified Technician with current registration
3. Currently working in an environment that reprocesses reusable medical devices
4. Current Curriculum Vitae (CV)
5. Evidence of permanent New Zealand Residency
6. Details of the conference you wish to attend, dates and draft programme
7. Personal statement that includes;

- a. why you wish to attend conference and your expectations of what attendance will require of you
 - b. a reflection on your career to date as a Sterile Sciences Technician
 - c. your goals for your future as a Sterile Sciences Technician
8. Completed Memorandum of understanding

Assessment of the application will be completed by the Executive. The Executive reserves the right to administer the funding for the scholarship as it considers appropriate.

Successful applicants will be required to sign the Conference Contract in formal agreement of the conditions of the scholarship.

Technicians requiring more information regarding applications for this conference scholarship should contact the NZSSA Secretary for advice.

Memorandum of Understanding Conference Scholarship



New Zealand Sterile Sciences Association

Between: New Zealand Sterile Sciences Association

The scholarship applicant: _____
Please enter student name

The employer: _____
Please enter name of organisation

New Zealand Sterile Sciences Association responsibilities:

1. Co-ordinate the registration and travel arrangements for the applicant in a timely manner
2. Liaise with the employer, the applicant and conference provider
3. Endeavour to resolve disputes through discussion.

Employer Responsibilities for applicant:

1. Provide appropriate leave to the scholarship applicant to enable travel and attendance of the conference
2. Clearly communicate the employer's policies, procedures and practices and other reasonable directions
3. Ensure that the applicant is fully supported in their application for attendance of the conference.

Applicant responsibilities:

1. Provide full details of conference to the New Zealand Sterile Sciences Association to enable them to make arrangements
2. Financially able to meet costs, personal and additional travel, not provided for by the scholarship
3. Comply with the employer's policies, procedures and practices and other reasonable directions
4. Ensure the employer has sufficient information to support their application.

Employer name (please print)

Applicant name (please print)

Employer signature

Applicant signature

NZSSA President (please print)

NZSSA President signature