

NSPC27 Bursary Example Responses

Applicant profile

Name: John Smith
Location: Regional NSW
Current situation: Part-time community services student and casual worker
Lived experience: Has cared for a family member through suicidal crisis, has an experience of suicidality.
Conference role: Not presenting, not nominated for a LiFE Award.

Long form responses

Why is attending NSPC27 important to you? 168 words

Attending NSPC27 would help me build my understanding of suicide prevention and learn from people in the sector outside of my local community. I currently volunteer with a local community wellbeing group and am studying community services part time. Through my caring experience, I have also seen how difficult it can be for people in regional areas to find appropriate and timely support.

I am particularly interested in learning about lived experience led approaches, safe community engagement and practical community led suicide prevention initiatives that can work outside major cities. I would also value the opportunity to meet people from other regional communities and hear how they have responded to similar challenges.

Attending the conference would help me connect my personal experience with stronger knowledge and practical approaches. It would support my current work as a volunteer and casual worker, is directly related to my field of study, and can help me map out how to conduct suicide prevention work more effectively in my community in the future.

What financial constraints do you face that would prevent you from attending NSPC27 without a bursary? 150 words

I am currently studying part-time and working casual shifts, so my income changes from week to week. Most of my income is used for rent, household expenses, transport and study costs. I do not have savings available to cover conference registration, travel to Hobart and several nights of accommodation.

My employer is a small local business which arose from a grass-roots community movement. It cannot provide professional development funding. The community group I volunteer with also does not have funding available to support conference attendance. I have looked into paying for part of the trip myself, but even the cost of flights and accommodation would make attending unaffordable.

I may be able to contribute toward small personal costs, such as meals outside the conference program, but I would need support with registration, return travel and accommodation. Without a bursary covering these costs, I would not be able to attend NSPC27.

How do you expect to use the learnings from the conference in your personal or professional life, or in your community? 155 words

After the conference, I would share relevant resources and key learnings with the community wellbeing group where I volunteer. I would particularly focus on practical information that could strengthen how we discuss suicide safely, include lived experience perspectives and connect community members with appropriate services.

I would also use the learning in my community services studies and future work. Hearing from researchers, service providers and people with lived experience would help me better understand how evidence and lived experience can work together in suicide prevention.

Where appropriate, I would prepare a short summary for other volunteers and discuss one or two realistic changes we could make to our activities or referral information. I would also be willing to share regional perspectives with the bursary funding body after the conference. My aim would not be to create a large new project, but to apply useful ideas within the work and relationships I am already involved in.

Other responses

Post-conference activities:

John selects:

- Attend a meeting with the funding body to share key conference findings and learnings.
- Attend a meeting to discuss opportunities for service improvement or innovation in the region.

Financial support requested:

John selects:

- Flights to and from Hobart
- Accommodation
- Conference registration



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