

IAYMH 2015 CONFERENCE YOUTH BURSARY GUIDELINES

The purpose of the Conference Bursary is to provide financial assistance to young people in order to attend and participate in the Third International Youth Mental Health Conference in Montreal, Canada from Thursday 8th October to Saturday 10th October 2015. There are two types of grants that young people are eligible to apply for:

- A Conference Grant of \$390 which covers the cost of the conference registration fee (it is expected that supporting organisations will contribute to other costs such as travel and accommodation) and;
- A Conference and Accommodation Grant which covers both the registration fee and two nights' accommodation at the conference venue hotel.

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Eligibility

Both grants are open to young people aged 18 – 25 years who satisfy the following criteria:

- Have either an interest in the area of youth mental health or a person who has experienced a mental health problem;
- Ideally have contact, a connection or relationship with a supporting organisation like health, youth or an educational institution or similar (not essential);
- A willingness to co-chair a session¹ during the conference with another person (you will be provided with additional information on what is required to co-chair a session)
- An interest in using social media to report on key issues that emerge from the conference for young people
- Be a member of the International Association for Youth Mental Health (IAYMH) – It's free and easy to join, go to www.iaymh.org to become a member

To apply

Having met the above criteria, the applicant must have approval from their organisation if they are being supported by an organisation to attend the conference. All applicants must complete the following:

¹ Co-chairing a session will involve working with an adult co-chair to introduce speakers and keep time during a parallel session which may involve up to 5 different presenters.

- Completed Conference Bursary Application Form signed by a manager of the organisation that is supporting you to attend (Signature not required if you are a young person applying independent of an organisation);
- The specific grant you wish to apply for;
- An indication if you have been accepted for either a poster, paper or table top presentation at the conference, if applicable; and
- Reason for wanting to attend the conference and what you'd like to get out of the conference.

Key dates

Applications are open from Friday 26th June 2015 and close on Friday 24th July. All applicants will be assessed by a panel of young people and informed of the outcome of their application by Monday 10th August 2015.

Successful applicants

Successful applicants for the Conference Grant will be informed and registered to attend the conference. Confirmation of registration will be received by the successful applicant from the Conference Organiser.

Successful applicants for the Conference and Accommodation Grant will be informed and registered to attend the conference. Confirmation of registration will be received by the successful applicant from the Conference Organiser. In addition, the successful applicant will be booked in the conference hotel for the two nights of the conference and receive confirmation of their booking through the Conference Organiser.

Successful applicants may wish to attend pre-conference workshops if spaces are available at the time of registration.

Unsuccessful applicants will be notified via email.