

2026 National Continenace Health Conference STAC Scholarship Program Guidelines

Background

Funded via Continenace Health Australia's State and Territory Advisory Committees (STACs), scholarships will be offered to support registered health professionals to attend the 2026 National Continenace Health Conference on 13–15 May 2026 in Melbourne.

Scholarship Program inclusions:

- A new registration or reimbursement of an existing registration to the 2026 National Continenace Health Conference
- Reimbursement or partial reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs* (*conditions apply – see clause 3.3 for details*).
- Dollar values of reimbursement by each state include:
 - NSW/ACT: 3 scholarships at \$2,000 each
 - Qld/NT: 2 scholarships at \$2,000 each
 - SA: 3 scholarships: 2 at \$2,500 each, 1 at \$2,000.
 - Vic 2 scholarships at \$1,000 each, 4 x Ultra Early Bird registrations
 - WA: 2 scholarships at \$2,500 each
- Entitled to state the following in their curriculum vitae:
Awarded the Continenace Health Australia 2026 National Continenace Health Conference STAC Scholarship

1. Eligibility requirements

- 1.1. Applicants must be a registered health professional.
- 1.2. Applicants must be currently registered with their relevant professional registration board and supply proof of registration with their application.
- 1.3. Professionals seeking registration via training or placement may be considered with additional proof provided.
- 1.4. Applicants must be able to demonstrate an ongoing commitment to continence management and care although they are not required to be currently working solely in this area.
- 1.5. Applicants must be a current financial member of Continenace Health Australia.

- 1.6. Previous conference scholarship recipients from 2020-2025 are not eligible to apply for the 2026 scholarship program.

2. Application, selection and offer process

2.1 Application process:

Applicants are required to complete the Scholarship Application Form online. Applications open 17 February 2026 and close on 26 March 2026.

2.2 Selection process

A selection panel from the relevant STAC will assess each application. Eg. NSW/ACT applications are assessed by representatives from the NSW/ACT STAC. The selection panel will assess the written answers based on content, structure, originality and adherence to word length. Other factors such as need and potential impact to continence practice and clientele may also be considered.

2.3 Offer process

Scholarship recipients will be announced on Continence Health Australia's website www.continence.org.au by 17 April 2026. Successful applicants will be notified by email.

2.4 Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to attend the conference at the Ultra Early Bird rate. A discount code will be supplied once the assessment process is complete.

3. Conditions of scholarship

3.1. Scholarship values are determined by each state Committee and are paid as a reimbursement of costs incurred up to the dollar value as outlined on page 1.

3.2. The successful applicants will be required to:

- Attend the conference program including any workshops. Please note that workshops have limited places and cannot be guaranteed until scholarship winners are announced. Due to high demand, it is recommended that you register early for any workshops that you wish to attend. Continence Health Australia will reimburse your registration fee if you are successful in receiving a scholarship.

- Submit a 300-word report/article by Friday 26 June 2026 using a report template provided by Continence Health Australia. This report will allow the scholarship recipient to describe the benefits to practice provided by one of the presentations they attended during the conference. The report may be published in the Australian and New Zealand Continence Journal,

Bridge magazine and In the News (all publications of Continence Health Australia).

- Assemble for certificate presentation and a group photograph with other scholarship recipients at NCHC 2026 (date and time to be confirmed).

3.3. The scholarship program reimburses or partly reimburses the following travel and accommodation costs to the values outlined on page 1:

- Return economy airfares to and from Melbourne (Tullamarine) Airport
- Accommodation for the duration of the conference (13–15 May) including 12 May 2026.

Note: meals and airport transfers are not included in the scholarship program and must be covered by the recipient.