AGA Member Bursary Fund

Purpose

The AGA Member Bursary Fund is intended to reduce financial barriers to participation in AGA conferences, learning opportunities, and other activities that support connection and professional development within Alberta's grantmaking community.

Who Can Apply

Bursaries are available to current AGA members who would benefit from financial assistance. Bursary support may be particularly helpful where, for example:

1. an organization is small, primarily volunteer-run, or has only one or a small number of full- or part-time staff;
2. an organization has a limited professional development, conference, or training budget;
3. registration costs would otherwise prevent or make it difficult for a member to participate;
4. an individual is new to the sector or works in a role where professional development funding is limited;
5. an organization would like to enable a staff or volunteer member to participate but does not have sufficient budget to cover the full cost; or
6. other circumstances create a financial barrier to participation.

These examples are illustrative only. Applicants are encouraged to briefly explain their own circumstances and why support would be helpful.

What Can Be Supported

Bursaries may be used to cover or offset:

1. registration fees for AGA conferences, workshops, or other events; and
2. other reasonable costs associated with participation, such as travel and accommodation.

Requests should generally be made before the applicable event, although reimbursement may be considered where registration has already been paid.

How to Apply

To request support, please email admin@albertagrantmakers.org with:

1. a brief description of what you are requesting support for and the amount requested; and
2. a brief explanation of why the bursary would be helpful in your circumstances and how you expect to benefit from participating.

No detailed financial information or proof of financial need is required; however, AGA may request additional information where needed to support consideration of a request.

How Requests Will Be Considered

Requests will be considered based on the circumstances described by the applicant, the relevance and potential benefit of the opportunity, the amount requested, and the availability of bursary funds.

AGA may provide full or partial support depending on available funding and the number of requests received.