

# Giving West \$7,000 Aspire Conference Scholarship



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The Giving West Aspire Conference Scholarship is an initiative that is open to all Western Australian (WA) not-for-profit organisations. The Award offers the recipient the chance to broaden their knowledge and networks by attending an international conference. On returning to WA, the scholarship recipient will share learnings with relevant stakeholders and outline opportunities for WA that they may have uncovered. I encourage NFPs that think their organisation and the WA community would benefit from this initiative, to embrace the program which promotes collaboration, education and knowledge sharing.

## What is the Giving West Conference Scholarship?

The 2019 Giving West Conference Scholarship is a \$7,000 grant awarded annually to an individual representing a not-for-profit association to assist in their personal and professional development, through attendance at a relevant international conference.

## How do I apply?

Please see reverse for submission details.

## What can the \$7,000 be used for?

The award covers air travel as well as accommodation and registration to a relevant conference to a maximum of \$7,000. Where relevant, it may also contribute to membership subscription costs.

## Who funds the scholarship?

The award is proudly funded by the Perth Convention Bureau (PCB) under its Aspire Program. PCB is responsible for marketing Western Australia both nationally and internationally as a conference destination. In fulfilling this role PCB assists individuals and organisations to bring their national and international conferences to the State. The awards program aims to raise the profile of individuals and their professional organisations, showcasing the ground breaking research and development being undertaken in our State and ultimately resulting in conferences being secured for the State, delivering economic benefit to the wider community.

## How to enter your submission

1. Tell us about yourself, your education, your role within the organisation you belong to, length of time in the position and associations you belong to (**maximum 200 words**).
2. Tell us about your organisation and any of your achievement highlights (**maximum 250 words**).
3. Tell us about Australian leaders in your field of expertise or preferably, Western Australian leaders in the field (**maximum 250 words**).

4. Detail how you would use the \$7,000 funding if successful and highlight how you and the organisation would benefit. Identify a potential conference to be held in Western Australia (**maximum 500 words**).

5. Submit your application to [aspire@pcb.com.au](mailto:aspire@pcb.com.au) (**deadline 29 March 2019**).

6. Interview. Short-listed applicants will be required to discuss their application with the judging panel (**20 minute interview**).

## How your application is assessed

Applicants will be assessed against the selection criteria above.

A panel comprising representatives from Giving West and the Perth Convention Bureau will undertake judging. Shortlisted finalists will be required to attend a 20 minute interview. The successful applicant will be announced at a special function in June 2019.

### Eligibility

Entry is open to all Western Australian not-for-profit organisations affiliated with Giving West.

### Conditions

The judging panel's decision is final. Applicants may request feedback on their performance after the winners have been announced. The winners will be required to produce receipts for expenditure incurred while attending their nominated conference. Recipients are required to agree to be included in publicity and future collateral for promotion of the PCB Aspire Award.

## Application Deadline - 29 March 2019

### Scholarship Winner



#### Ms Nicole Haberley

This is the first time I have won anything in my life!

I have been a full time volunteer in our WA community for over 10 years now, and although I have earned very little money during this time it has enriched me beyond my wildest dreams and allowed me to be part of things I could have never imagined.

Winning the Giving West Conference Scholarship in 2018 is such an honour and it will enable

me to travel overseas to attend a Restorative Justice Conference of my choice, and put in a bid for us to host it in WA. Western Australia has several world leaders in Restorative Justice who will be working closely with me to make sure our Conference is an international success.

After a double homicide in my immediate family in 2008 - Restorative Justice has become a huge part of who I am. Understanding that crime happens to community, including victims, offenders and their families has me 100% committed to facilitate healing and understanding for all

those involved using two of the most basic forms of humanity - compassion and empathy.

I felt honoured, supported and encouraged by those that were part of the conference scholarship process and would encourage anyone that is working towards change in our community to apply.

Take the next step and apply.  
Who knows where it could take you.

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A wide range of assistance and advice is available to help you apply for this Professional Development Award. Contact Nicolle Davey (Executive Director Stakeholder Relations - Perth Convention Bureau). Nicolle is available to guide you through the application process and answer any questions.

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