# **Blind Citizens Australia**

# **National Convention**

# **Application for Travel Support**

## Introduction:

This year, Blind Citizens Australia (BCA) has limited funds available to support people outside the Melbourne area to attend the convention. Travel support can be used to offset travel and accommodation costs, but convention attendees must pay their own convention registration fee, which is $250.

Travel support is only available to BCA Full members who are not in receipt of any other funding to support their convention attendance.

If you believe that you would not be able to attend the convention without financial assistance, please complete the form below.

Preference will be given to people attending convention for the first time. People from regional and remote communities, young people and people from diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

If your application is successful, it is expected that you will:

* Attend all convention sessions;
* be willing to share your experiences with your local community; and,
* commit to making an ongoing contribution to BCA at a local or national level in the near future.

Funds will be allocated on a case by case basis and you will need to provide approximate costs of travel and accommodation as part of your application.

Please e-mail your completed application to:

anna.briggs@bca.org.au by Friday, 8 September 2017 or call the office on 1800 033660 to complete it via phone.

# **Travel Support Application Form**

## Your Contact Details:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Mobile:

E-mail:

## Eligibility:

Only full members of BCA are eligible to apply for financial assistance. Are you a full member of BCA? Yes/No

Please place an X next to all of the following that apply to you:

I am attending convention for the first time

I am under 35 years of age at the time of convention

I live in a regional or remote location

I am from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background

I am from a culturally and linguistically diverse background

## Selection Criteria:

1. Please tell us in no more than 250 words, why you need Travel support in order to attend the convention:
2. As a condition of receiving financial assistance, you need to commit to making an ongoing contribution to the work of BCA at a local or national level. In no more than 250 words, please tell us what skills you can bring to BCA and how you will share your convention experience with others who are blind or vision-impaired.

## Estimated Travel and Accommodation Costs:

Please provide estimated costs for the following items:

* Return airfares from your nearest major domestic Airport:
* Travel costs from and to your nearest major domestic airport:
* Accommodation for up to 3 nights (note that if you are staying at the convention venue, the cost of accommodation is $145 per night):
* Other costs not already covered:

## Declaration:

I understand that this travel support will not cover costs of convention registration and that I will need to be responsible for registration costs and all other costs associated with my attendance at convention.

I accept that if I cancel my travel or accommodation bookings, I will be liable for all costs associated with cancelation applied by the hotel or airline and that I will not receive a refund of my registration fee unless the cancelation is of an urgent personal nature and I immediately notify BCA.

I confirm that I am not receiving any other financial assistance to support my attendance at convention from my employer or any other community organisation or funding body.

Signature:

Date:

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