



Travel Grants for 2014 Family Conference in New Zealand

Should I apply for a travel grant?

If you or your family member have TSC and you require financial assistance to attend the conference we encourage you to apply for a travel grant.

The 2014 TSC Family Conference is the first educational meeting to be held for families living with TSC in New Zealand. Our highest priority is to make the meeting accessible to New Zealand families, so travel grants will only be offered to New Zealanders.

Australian families are most welcome to attend the conference, however there will be no travel grants available for them. We are working to secure funding for travel grants for the 2015 Sydney Conference which will be held in November.

What does the grant cover?

Grants are a contribution towards reasonable travel and accommodation expenses for up to 2 people from each family. This includes:

- **Travel** can be flights, ground transport to and from an airport, coach travel and fuel expenses for private car journeys
- **Accommodation** can be up to 2 nights at one of the conference recommended hotels, with members of the same family sharing.

If your travel needs fall outside the above, please contact us to confirm if these can be covered.

Please work with us to minimise costs by choosing the lowest cost options and staying with family and friends if possible.

What will be the maximum amount paid?

We have set the following limits per person based on regions of New Zealand to help maximise the number of families who can benefit from a travel grant:

Northland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty – up to \$200 per person.

Gisborne, Hawke's Bay, Manawatu, Wellington- up to \$400 per person.

Nelson region, Marlborough, West Coast, Canterbury, Otago, Southland – up to \$500 per person

How can I apply for a grant?

If you require financial assistance to attend the conference, you can either:

- Register for the conference and include this information in your registration OR
- Send an email to clare@atss.org.au to apply for a travel grant. Include your name(s) and addresses and an estimate of your travel costs.

The grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis until funding has been fully allocated.

Recipients of a travel grant will need to cover their own conference registration fees.

How will the grants be paid?

The grants will be paid *at or after* the conference upon presentation of receipts for travel, fuel or accommodation expenses. The grant amount refers to a maximum grant amount that will be paid i.e. the amount paid will be the lower of either the grant amount and the expenses incurred.