

TSANZ ASM Carer's Grant

TSANZ is committed to inclusion and diversity in all that we do. The TSANZ ASM Carer Grant is provided, as part of the TSANZ travel award program, to support TSANZ members who have primary care giver responsibility of a child financial assistance to attend and participate in the TSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting.

The grant must be utilised to fund **additional** care giving costs incurred directly as a result of the caregiver's participation in the ASM. The grant must not be used for existing care costs or to cover the usual costs of attendance such as travel expenses and conference registration.

The type of activities which the grant may be used for include, but are not limited to the following costs:

- Airfare for a child to travel with the parent if the child is unable to be separated from the parent for the duration of the parent's participation in the ASM Payment for a carer for the child during the ASM including for example, hourly rate of a nanny service or travel costs for grandparent or other relative to care for a child at home while the parent is away
- Before and after school care costs (if participation in the ASM requires this to be experienced as an additional cost)

In order to qualify, applicants need to be:

- 1) Financial members of the TSANZ
- 2) Active contributors to the society
- 3) Presenting an abstract, chairing a session or invited to speak at a symposium/ plenary/ workshop or other active contribution in the ASM

To apply, applicants must provide the following information to tsanzoffice@thoracic.org.au:

- Detail their role in the ASM e.g. presenting a poster, chairing a session etc
- A brief summary of their current and/or previous active contribution to the Society e.g. engagement on working parties, position papers, faculty on courses, branch activities, advocacy work etc
- Details of the costs that will be incurred and the amount
- A signed statement declaring the costs and the application to be a true and accurate reflection of the need for support and the costs that will be incurred

In order to comply with accounting and auditing standards, TSANZ can only provide funds to applicants on receipt of an original receipt from the provider. These must be provided to the Finance Manager at TSANZ before funds can be released up to the amount that has been advised to the successful applicant. Please note that the grant amount may not cover all the caregiver's costs of attendance.

Selection Process. If more applicants are received than funds available, TSANZ will, in their absolute discretion, determine how the funds will be allocated. Priority will be given to applicants with children up to primary school age or children of any age with special needs.

It should be noted that it is possible that not all applicants may be able to be supported, and/or that the costs incurred by applicants may be greater than the grant amount able to be provided.

If you have any queries, please contact tsanzoffice@thoracic.org.au.