



Guidance criteria for ACDS Junior Bursary applications

The aim of the Junior Bursary scheme is to provide financial assistance for Junior members of the ACDS to improve their skills and grow their passion for carriage driving

Submission Criteria:

- Applicants must be ACDS Members (either Junior Membership or part of Family Membership).
- Age to qualify as a 'Junior' is as defined in relevant ACDS By-Law.
- Applications to be submitted on the prescribed form and must be received by the Federal Secretary by the publicised closing date (details of which are to have been publicised by all available forms of ACDS media).
- Responsibility to confirm submission and receipt of application lies with the applicant or their parent / guardian.
- Applications are open to not only junior drivers, but also junior members with involvement or interest in other aspects of carriage driving including but not limited to: officiating, restoration and being a groom or navigator.
- Applicants must agree to provide a minimum of two profile / update articles for the ACDS Journal within the 12 month bursary period, if they are awarded a Bursary.
- Successful and unsuccessful applicants may reapply in the next round providing they continue to meet the relevant criteria.

Assessment Criteria:

- Applicants are expected to outline a plan for how they would make use of the bursary funds to develop their carriage driving skills or experience. This plan should focus on clearly identified goals, rather than a specific funding amount.
- The level of detail of the goals and plan should be assessed taking into account the age of the applicant.
- Applicants should also be able to demonstrate age-appropriate contribution at a Club level or elsewhere within the ACDS.
- Applications should reflect the juniors' own words where appropriate to their age. Those which demonstrate motivation and involvement of the Junior in completing the application are viewed more favourably.
- The 'bursary amount guidance' published as part of the current application form may be used as a starting point for recommendations on amounts to be awarded; however, the Bursary Review Panel has discretion to vary these amounts, where deemed appropriate by the panel members.
- Final decision on the awarding of Junior Bursaries lies with ACDS Federal Council.