



# OACAO 2026 AGING WELL Conference

## Travel Bursary Information and Application Form

### Purpose

This year, the OACAO Board of Directors have allocated funds to ease the financial burden for OACAO members travelling from greater distances, to support their interest in participating in the conference. The travel bursary is designed to support eligible delegates to subsidize travel and accommodation expenses, including:

- Mileage (travelling by car)
- Train or plane tickets
- Hotel accommodation
- Additional transportation costs (i.e., taxi, train)

### Eligibility Criteria

Eligible conference delegates must:

1. Be members or affiliates of a Centre, Seniors Club or organization that is a current member in good standing with the OACAO
2. Travelling from 2 hours or more outside of Mississauga
3. Require financial support to cover the increased cost of travelling to/participating in the conference

**Note:** The location of the Conference is at the Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale Hotel.  
 Address to determine Travel Zone: 6750 Mississauga Rd, Mississauga, ON, L5N 2L3.  
 Applicants will be asked to indicate reasons for requesting the travel bursary to demonstrate the need for support.

### Bursary Amounts Available by Travel Distances

| Travel Zone   | Bursary Amount |
|---|----------------|
| Delegates travelling 2-3 hours from the Conference location in Mississauga    | \$100          |
| Delegates travelling 3+-5 hours from the Conference location in Mississauga   | \$200          |
| Delegates travelling 5+-7 hours from the Conference location in Mississauga   | \$300          |
| Delegates travelling over 7 hours from the Conference location in Mississauga | \$400          |

*Note: The OACAO Board of Directors will offer the Travel Bursary Program only when financially feasible.*

Submit Application to [info@oacao.org](mailto:info@oacao.org) by September 11, 2026  
with Subject Line: 'Travel Bursary Application'

## OACAO Conference 2026 Delegate Bursary Application Form

### Applicant Information:

|                                |                                    |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Name of Applicant:             | _____                              |
| OACAO Member Centre/Club Name: | _____                              |
| Title or Role of Applicant:    | _____                              |
| Address:                       | _____ City: _____                  |
| Postal Code:                   | _____ Telephone #: _____           |
| E-mail:                        | _____ Staff ____ OR Volunteer ____ |

### Select Your Travel Zone:

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 | Delegates travelling 2-3 hours from Mississauga  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 | Delegates travelling 3+5 hours from Mississauga  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$300 | Delegates travelling 5+-7 hours from Mississauga |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$400 | Delegates travelling 7+ hours from Mississauga   |

**Eligibility Checklist** Please select any/all the following reasons that apply to your travel bursary request:

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre/Club budget constraints    | <input type="checkbox"/> From Northern Ontario                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Will be travelling by plane       | <input type="checkbox"/> From a rural or remote community      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> From a small volunteer-run centre | <input type="checkbox"/> Represents an under-served group      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____     | <input type="checkbox"/> First time attending OACAO conference |

**Deadline: The deadline to apply for the travel bursary is September 11, 2026.**

Applicants will be notified if their application is successful by September 18, 2026.  
(Note: Conference Early Bird Registration deadline is October 01, 2026)

**Submit Applications to [info@oacao.org](mailto:info@oacao.org), Subject Line: 'Travel Bursary Application'**

**Assessment:** Applications for travel bursaries will be assessed based on eligibility and demonstrated need. Bursaries will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, and applications must be submitted before the deadline. Please note that funding is limited and not guaranteed for all applicants.

**Questions:** Have questions or need assistance with the application process?  
Contact the OACAO at [info@oacao.org](mailto:info@oacao.org) or 1-866-835-7693