OACAO Annual Conference
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November 1-3, 2026 Mississauga

Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario
Association des centres pour aînés de l'Ontario
OACAO
The Voice of Older Adult Centres
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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 by September 30, 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:

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◯ $300	**Delegates travelling 5+-7 hours from Mississauga**
◯ $400	**Delegates travelling 7+ hours from Mississauga**

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

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

Deadline: The deadline to apply for the travel bursary is September 30, 2026. Applicants will be notified if their application is successful by October 02, 2026. (Note: Conference Early Bird Registration deadline is October 02, 2026)

Submit Applications to 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 or 1-866-835-7693