



Kathy Walsh Memorial Sponsorship Information

Kathy Walsh (nee Hassan), was an Auslan-English Interpreter and ASLIA member, who actively engaged in Professional Development (PD) throughout her career, and also encouraged many other practitioners to undertake PD.

The Kathy Walsh Memorial Sponsorship (KWMS) provides one ASLIA National Conference (ANC) 2014 registration to specifically support a member to engage in 2.5 days of PD, learning, networking and socialising with other delegates.

The KWMS is aimed at current ASLIA members who are NAATI Auslan-English Paraprofessional level interpreters at the time of submitting the application and still hold this accreditation at NAC 2016. It is also aimed at current Sign Language Interpreters Association of New Zealand (SLIANZ) members who have completed either the Diploma in Sign Language Interpreting or Bachelor of Arts NZSL-English Interpreting at the time of submitting the application.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

A valid KWMS application must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Applicants must have been an ASLIA or SLIANZ member since 1 January 2013 and be a fully paid, financial member at the time of submitting the completed application.
2. Applicants must hold NAATI Auslan-English Paraprofessional level interpreter accreditation, or the Diploma in Sign Language Interpreting, or Bachelor of Arts NZSL-English Interpreting from 1 January 2015 to 1 April 2016.
3. List all interpreting-related PD* you have undertaken since 1 January 2015 to the present (maximum 400 words).
4. Discuss one key learning from the above PD (maximum 400 words)?
5. What it would mean to you to receive the KWMS Award and attend NAC2016 (maximum 400 words)?
6. Applicants must complete and sign the required application form, and supply all relevant documentation if required.
7. Applicants must be willing to attend a short telephone or face-to-face interview with the panel, if required.
8. An application can also be submitted by an agency, colleague, organisation or consumer for an eligible applicant (but not by a person related to the applicant).

*Applicants must have completed a minimum of one formal PD learning opportunity. The requirement of only one formal PD is due to the fact that regional and rural interpreters have less access to face-to-face PD. PD 'opportunities' may also include attendance and involvement in a relevant Deaf community event, for example, a workshop or conference.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

9. The successful applicant must be a NAATI Auslan-English Paraprofessional interpreter at the time of submitting an application and at NAC2016, or hold either the Diploma in Sign Language Interpreting or Bachelor of Arts NZSL-English Interpreting.
10. The successful applicant must be available for an interview with the KWMS panel, if required.
11. All additional costs associated with attendance at NAC2016 must be paid for by the successful recipient and confirmation of same provided in writing to ASLIA by 1 September 2016. If the recipient is unable to confirm the above by 1 September 2016, the recipient will forfeit the KWMS Award and the Panel will offer the Award to second ranked applicant.
12. The successful applicant will forfeit the NAC2016 registration if due to unforeseen circumstances the applicant cannot attend NAC2016.
13. The KWMS Award is non-transferrable i.e. NAC2016 registration is for the sole use of the successful applicant, it cannot be redeemed, gifted or sold to another party.
14. The successful applicant agrees to provide a one-page (A4) written report and a passport style photograph (suitable for printing) to NAC2016 by 1 November 2016. The article and photograph will be featured in ASLIA-related communications.
15. All panel decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into with any party.