

APA Student Conference Sponsorship

Information and Guidelines

The APA Student Sponsorship to an FAA International Astrology Conference was a successful motion at the November AGM 2006 and introduced in 2008 for the conference in Sydney. The intention of the sponsorship is to provide the opportunity for a current student of an APA member to experience, for the first time, an FAA Conference. This helps to widen their astrological perspective and knowledge as well as encouraging their current and future participation in the wider astrological community. The sponsorship was designed to include the lecture days and the social aspects of the conference (although some exclusion may exist from time to time) for networking opportunities as well **3 nights' basic conference accommodation**. It does not include airfares or pre and post workshops or any other costs e.g. additional meals.

In 2021, due to possible Covid 19 restrictions, the conference package was adapted to provide the opportunity for successful applicants to experience the conference online. Therefore **3 Online** APA Student Sponsorships are now available for the 3 lecture days of the 2022 conference. This excludes any pre or post conference workshops.

To be eligible for this package the student applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be a student of an APA Member and current member of the FAA
- This must be the first FAA conference the astrology student has attended
- Be in the process of gaining astrological qualifications through the FAA Examination system or a system that is recognised by the APA.
- Aspires to become an APA member

Applicants need to agree if successful to provide a short biography and photo for the APA Newsletter. Candidates also need to be willing to provide a written account of their experience of the conference after the event to be published in the next APA Newsletter (usually Autumn).

To apply the student must email a written application stating the reasons why attending an FAA Conference would be of benefit to them and any circumstances that would support their submission. This should be emailed to their teacher who will endorse the application and forward it to the A.P.A Secretary, Susan Boxshall sujb22@gmail.com with a copy to APA President, Patricia Shepherd, wollongong@iprimus.com.au

Teaching APA members may support more than one student to apply as the winner will be chosen by the A.P.A Committee.

Applications should include all the applicants contact details and those of their teacher.

Application Selection Process

If APA Student Sponsorship Committee members are supporting their students to apply they will be precluded from voting in the selection process.

- Students will be chosen on the merit of their written submission and if a number of students meet all the criteria and show equal merit a lottery will be held to choose the winner.
- The winning student and unsuccessful students will be notified by President/VP/Secretary by official email /letter with a copy to respective teachers.
- All applicants/teachers will be notified within 3 weeks from application closing date
- The Selection Committee will notify the APA Treasurer of the successful applicant and provide their contact details so that the Treasurer is able to liaise with the FAA Conference Conveners and the successful applicant about the registering the applicant and payment of conference fees etc.

Guide for Applying Students

The committee does not want to restrict or lead applicants with set formulas or regulations but rather respond on the merits of each application.

Applying Students may include

1. When/ what first generated their interest in astrology
2. How long they have been studying astrology.
3. Length of membership of the FAA.
4. What have been the benefits of their astrological study.
5. How they intend to use their astrological knowledge in the future.
6. Information on how they will gain astrological qualifications to meet APA standards.
7. How they plan to meet the APA membership requirements for learning, counselling theory and supervision.

All the very best