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*Celebrating children with disability and those who work  
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## **Terms and Conditions of Scholarship**

Two (2) scholarships of \$1,000 each will be offered each year to assist with attendance at a conference at which the successful applicants will be making a presentation.

Who can apply?

- ★ Employees of a charity supported by a State/Territory Wings Away Association
- ★ Students undertaking postgraduate study that will directly benefit children with disability

The scholarship will be awarded to the students/employees who can demonstrate the greatest benefit to children with disability.

Evidence may include examples of undergraduate work, reference(s) from employers, lecturers and/or course supervisors and history of work with children with disability.



## How to apply

Go to [wingsaway.aiidd.org.au/scholarship](http://wingsaway.aiidd.org.au/scholarship)  
and  
Fill out the online form

**Applications can be made at any time**

**With applications formally considered in June and December  
of each year.**

If you have any difficulties filling out the form or need assistance,  
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**Wings Away :** Wings Away is an association of ex-TAA Air Hostesses, founded in 1966 by Elaine Swain (Smith). Elaine's original vision was for all States to support a single national Charity. However, each State wished to choose their own charity to support. It was 10 years before her dream of a National Charity came to fruition. At the 1976 Presidents' Conference, members agreed to support an embryo library being built to help parents of children with disability. The Wings Away Collection is housed at Charles Sturt University. Since the start in 1976, Wings Away has raised almost \$105,000.

**Norma Rigby:** Norma was the first Executive Officer of the Australian Association for the Mentally Retarded; now National Council on Intellectual Disability. For some time, she had dreams of a Lending Library to help parents of children with disability, but no idea where the funds would come from.

A solution came in 1974 when Faye Jamieson (President, Wings Away, SA) contacted Norma at the suggestion of Ansett Capt. Colin Watt (who was involved with AAMR) and asked her how Wings Away could assist in any project. The outcome was that, at the 1974 Presidents' Conference, it was agreed to set up a National Charity and \$1,000 was the first amount donated to Norma's slowly growing library. The 1978 Conference voted unanimously to support the Library for the next two years and the amount of \$1,438 was donated and a Building Society Account was opened in the name of 'N. Rigby AAMR Wings Away Library Fund'.

At the 1981 Conference, Norma accepted the position of National Patron and so began a 25-year association with a lady who was not only interested in what Wings Away was doing but who had as many dreams as Elaine Swain.

In addition to the generous yearly donations contributed by each State, Wings Away has contributed large amounts to the Library and its projects on three occasions: in 1992, Queensland contributed \$3,000 to publish the book 'Public Policy - Private Lives'; NSW Wings Away donated \$3,000; and the proceeds of the DC3 flights at the 2006 Reunion and Conference in Melbourne will be go to the 'Norma and Harry Rigby Scholarship'.

*Norma's work with Wings Away was generously supported and encouraged by her husband Harry.*