Young Professionals Scholarship

The Australian Organics Recycling Association (AORA) and REMONDIS Australia are very pleased to announce the availability of a scholarship of $3,000 to support a young professional to attend the AORA 2027 Annual Conference to be held on the Gold Coast, Queensland from 28 – 30 April 2027.

Eligibility

This scholarship is open to applicants from across Australia who meet the following criteria:

- Under 30 years of age as of 1 June 2027
- A current full-time student or currently employed but with 2 or less years professional experience in the organics recycling industry.
- Undertaking study or employment in a relevant field
- Available to attend all three days of the conference.
- Able to demonstrate how attending the selected conference would assist them in their career and ongoing professional development.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted via the online application form before 5pm Friday 19 February 2027. No late applications will be accepted.

Applications will be assessed by representatives from AORA and REMONDIS Australia. The awarding of the scholarship is at the discretion of the assessment committee, and decisions will be based on how applicants describe the professional and personal benefits that would arise from attending the conference.

The successful applicant will be notified by phone, and an announcement will be made via AORA social media channels in March 2027.

Scholarship Value

The scholarship covers up to $3,000 of eligible expenses including conference registration, travel and accommodation. Where total costs exceed $3,000, only funding up to that amount will be provided. The scholarship does not cover any costs associated with taking time off from work or study.

Funds will be paid to the recipient's nominated bank account upon confirmation of registration to the conference.

Recipient Obligations

The scholarship recipient will be required to:

- Attend all three days of the AORA 2027 Annual Conference (28–30 April 2027, Gold Coast)
- Write a short article (no more than 500 words) for the AORA website within three months of the conference, reflecting on their experience and what they gained from attending
- Provide feedback on the scholarship process, including suggestions for improvement or promotion
- Actively promote AORA through their networks
- Be willing to mentor future scholarship recipients
- Become a student member of AORA if not already a member
- Where possible, participate in AORA activities in their state in the year following the conference

Enquiries

Any questions can be directed to Alex Hammett, AORA National Coordinator on 0434 625 472 or email alex@aora.org.au.