

LGBTQIASB+ WELCOMESHIP FOR OUTDOOR HEALTH FORUM 2025



Hello,

We (the OHA Rainbow Group) welcome you and thank you for considering applying to join this big outdoor health forum. We are happy to sense you here in this invitation.

We are currently running a GOFUNDME campaign, raising money for one or more rainbow community members to attend the 2025 Outdoor Health Australia forum. You would have noticed in our language and hopes for the GOFUNDME campaign what our purpose for this scholarship is all about (More information here: <https://gofund.me/9fb1e273>).

The OHA association and the OHA Rainbow Group are committed to expanding the circle of welcoming of all and especially those folk who are more structurally 'less invited'. This application seeks to remove some of these barriers. This is a Rainbow Scholarship for a member of the Rainbow community.

As you consider these hopes we are wondering if they are meaningful for you? If so, we encourage you to apply for this scholarship!

Here is some more information to guide you through this process:

How do I apply?

Please respond to the below questions in whatever way you may like.

This can be via a poem, written response, song, video or another way that you may like to offer your responses. We welcome the diversity of expression.

1. What is drawing you in to attend this Outdoor Health forum?
2. Why do you think/ feel it is important to have Rainbow voices/ celebrations at such a forum
3. If you could be transformed into a non-human being, what would it be and why at this time in history?
4. What does the 'world' need now?

General short questions

1. Have you ever attended an OHA forum before (Y/N) If so, which ones?
2. Are you connected to an organisation/ institute or professional body where outdoor health is practiced? (Y/N) No problem if not. Can you expand further here?

How, who and when will the decision be made?

The week after the application close date, the Outdoor Health Rainbow Group will meet and review all applications. Our recommendations will then be sent to the OHA committee for final approval. You can expect to receive the decision within 1 week of the close date so that plans can be made.

When do the applications close?

To allow preparation time for you and our team, applications will close on Monday 1st September.

How will I receive the money for this scholarship and what does it cover?

We would prefer to transfer the money to you the week after the forum. This will be a total of \$2000. This endeavours to pay for your travels, accommodation, forum registration and any incidentals. This is the maximum that we can offer each scholarship.

(If receiving this money after the forum restricts you please let us know and we will make other arrangements with you, this not an issue at all)

Do I need to be an 'Australian,' to apply for this scholarship? What age is considered?

There are no geographical barriers identified for this. You do not need to be an 'Australian citizen'. All are welcome to apply.

This application is for people over 16 years of age and up.

What do I need to do if I receive this scholarship and how will I be ‘welcomed’ at the forum?

The OHA Rainbow Group will be supporting this forum with cultural and visual representation, dedicated LGBTIQASB+ contact folk throughout. There will be LGBTIQASB+ keynote speakers and presenters, informal and group gatherings. You will be welcomed by our creative and committed group throughout the forum, and we will be demonstrating our 2025 chosen theme of ‘Queer Joy’ throughout.

As part of the scholarship, you will be invited to:

1. Join us at the forum to express ‘Queer Joy’
2. Write a short piece / a poem or a video so that we could share in the OHA newsletter (this is not required, only an invitation)
3. Invited to be part of our monthly OHA Rainbow online group where we discuss the intersections of LGBTIQASB+ and adventure and nature therapy and discuss ideas that sustain us.
4. And welcome any other ideas and hopes you may have.

Where can I ask questions and submit my application?

For both questions and submitting your application please email:

rainbow@outdoorhealth.org.au

One of the members of the OHA Rainbow group will get back to you.

Submitting your application. Please submit your application to the same email. In the heading please include: YOUR NAME | OHA LGBTIQASB+ FORUM WELCOMESHIP

Other information.

We encourage you to also consider applying for one of the other scholarship opportunities to attend the forum. Only ONE scholarship can be received but we would like you to have all relevant information. (Scholarship: <https://www.outdoorhealthforum.com.au/scholarships>)

The Outdoor Health Australia Rainbow Group welcomes you and appreciates the time and energy it takes to submit this application.

(You can find out more about OHA forum here -<https://www.outdoorhealthforum.com.au/>)

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