

Financial Aid Report for 2018

In 2018, \$12,000 was budgeted for financial aid assistance, which is on par with previous years. All requests were considered by the committee (George Robbins, Jamie Brewer and myself, Caroline Quijada). Jen Easter Nelson who is also a member of the committee did not participate in discussions this year given that she was one of the conference chairs.

A very similar process was followed this year. All requests were forwarded to the committee by Susan O'Loughlin, Registrar, and discussed by the 3 member committee via email. We are pleased to report that like in years past, 100% of all those who applied for financial aid received assistance. This year the vast majority of applications came from returning shoalers. There was only one request from a new shoaler and her spouse who was a returning Pel.

Historically, the amount of financial aid awarded has averaged about \$8800 per year (see the past five years below):

2013	\$8960	with 21 beds filled
2014	\$8374	with 25 beds filled
2015	\$12,651	with 29 beds filled
2016	\$5860	with 14 beds filled
2017	\$8125	with 25 beds filled

In 2018, we gave out \$12,763.13 to fill 30 beds. This was awarded across 14 families. We exceeded our budget by \$763, which is due to a couple of reasons. First, the majority of awards were made to adults so the amount awarded was higher. Second, we had a late request for financial aid due to the loss of employment a week or two before the conference was set to start. Given the circumstances, the committee (minus one member who recused themselves from the discussion) decided to award 75% instead of the recommended 50% of room and board costs. As a committee we felt that this particular situation warranted an exception.

While we exceeded our budget, we did receive approval from Ann Etter, Treasurer, given that in years past we have been well within budget.

Jen Easter Nelson will be back as a participating member this year and has offered to serve as convener in 2019. I will continue to serve as part of the committee but am happy to pass the baton over to Jen. It has been a pleasure to work with this group over the years and I want to thank everyone for their time and consideration.

Caroline Quijada
Convener, AS1 Financial Aid Committee