

The Ramon Williams ARPA scholarship for 2019

The Australasian Religious Press Association (ARPA) was founded in 1974.

*ARPA established a scholarship package named in honour of **Ramon Williams in 2015**. Ramon has been involved with ARPA since its existence, and was awarded the **Gutenberg Award in 1987** and **an ARPA Citation for Outstanding Service to Christian Media in 2013**. As the founder of Worldwide Photos Ltd, he has contributed in a variety of ways to the ministry of the Church in Australia, especially through the provision of photographic material, Christian stories and press releases to the Christian Media and the secular media. Ramon has been a source of great personal encouragement for many Christians in the media and many people have been touched by Ramon's thoughtfulness and contact. Ramon's life theme is **Telling others what others are doing for the Lord** and it is ARPA's hope that this scholarship will be a source of encouragement for a younger member in their developing ministry of **Telling others what others are doing for Lord**.*

Details of the Scholarship

An ARPA conference package will consist of payment by ARPA of registration, accommodation and airfares up to the value of \$1500 for a younger delegate or delegates (if there are joint winners). The 2019 conference will be held in Christchurch: 6-8 September.

The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of an application in writing from the prospective delegate. The application is to be provided by the applicant themselves in a maximum of two A4 pages and should outline:

- a) the reasons for, and benefits, the person will receive from attending an annual ARPA conference and;
- b) at least one concrete idea of how they will be able to contribute to ARPA during the year following the award of the scholarship.

The applicant must be no more than thirty-three years of age at the time of application.

The applicant must provide the application in their own words and include in their application the name of a member publication or agency of ARPA that has nominated them to apply.

Note: Any winner of the Scholarship will need to provide a short presentation or speech at the annual conference.

Applications will be judged by the ARPA President and the New Zealand and Australian Vice-Presidents, and a recommendation provided to the ARPA executive for final decision.

Closing Date for applications for 2018 is **Monday 1 May 2019 at 5 pm (AEST)**.

Applications should be emailed to The ARPA Executive Officer:
Mrs Elizabeth Harris: admin@arpa.news

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