

Financial Assistance for Program Registration Fees

1. Overview

At the DAV we pride ourselves on being a fully inclusive and accessible organisation; we are committed to helping students get involved in any of our programs regardless of their background or circumstances.

Where financial barriers will prevent student participation, we encourage schools or individuals to apply for a fee deferral or fee subsidy. Applications can be made for all DAV programs including both team-based programs such as JSP and the Schools Competition, and individual programs such as Public Speaking and Debate Camp.

Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis regarding the applicant's capacity to pay and the DAV's financial position / available resources as a non-profit organisation.

All applications and information are treated confidentially.

2. Types of Support Available

Deferred payment:	Registration fees (full) will be deferred to the following calendar year. This is only available to schools.
Partial subsidy:	Registration fees reduced by 50%. This is available to schools and individuals.
Full subsidy:	Registration fees reduced by 100%. This is available to schools and individuals.

3. Guidelines

Applicants should aim to clearly explain the reason(s) they are unable to pay the relevant registration fee.

This may include:

- Student families experiencing financial hardship when they are expected to contribute to registration fees
- Additional expenses required for transport to regional debates
- Budget cuts due to extraordinary events at the school
- New DAV member schools who weren't able to submit/approve budgets before the cut-off date
- Budget limitations due to much higher student interest than anticipated

Deferrals and subsidies are provided on a one-off basis with the expectation that schools will make the required adjustments to be able to pay subsequent registration fees.

4. Timelines

The DAV will aim to respond to applications within one week of receipt.

Applications should be made as early as possible. Ideally, they should be received by the DAV at least two weeks before the program/event commences so that a decision can be communicated to you beforehand.

Applications for events commencing within one week will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.

5. Applications

Applications can be made using the below Google form, or alternatively by communicating the relevant information to the DAV office.

The DAV can accommodate, and will consider, applications in various formats as required by applicants (e.g. written, video, audio).

Use this form to apply: <https://forms.gle/xhW2eqaERiRa8qDg7>