

Ontario 211 Services – AIRS 2015 Bursary Program

Ontario 211 Services has partnered with Inform Canada to provide bursaries for the 2015 AIRS Conference, taking place in Dallas, Texas, in May. As was announced at the CCIRC conference in September, there will be no 2015 edition of the Canadian conference, so both of our organizations have decided to make the bursary program available for the AIRS conference instead.

Click [here](#) for full details on the AIRS 2015 Conference in Dallas.

Ontario 211 is providing up to 12 bursaries (valued at \$750 each) to Information & Referral Specialists and Resource Specialists from across Ontario – including 211 Regional Service Partners, Data Providers, and partner agencies. The bursaries will contribute towards the costs of attending the conference (travel, accommodations, conference registration fee), but will not cover 100% of participant costs. Conference attendees (or their organizations) must be willing to attend the full conference, and cover any unmet or remaining costs themselves.

In the attached survey, you will be asked to respond to some quick questions about length of time in I&R or Resource Specialist role, are you CRS or CIRS, how many I&R conferences have you attended in the past, and your position in your organization. In addition, we are asking all bursary applicants to obtain a letter of support from your Executive Director or Board Chair, and finally, to answer the following question (in 400 words or less):

Ontario 211 values the local and regional data and expertise that exists throughout I&R and Data provider centres in the province – 211 as a system can not succeed without the input, participation and support of local organizations. Describe how attending the CCIRC Conference will help you to play a role in strengthening the 211 system in Ontario.

Criteria used to select bursary recipients will be as follows:

1. Length of time in Information & Referral or Resource Specialist position – and, if appropriate, how long has the applicant been certified?
2. How many I&R Conferences has the applicant been to in the past?
3. Response to “essay” question above
4. Strength of the letter of support
5. Overall impact of the application

Please note that, individuals will not be eligible to receive the Ontario 211 bursary as well as an Inform Canada bursary, or AIRS/Friends of AIRS scholarship.

Please complete the [online application](#) by February 27, 2015. Letters of support can be scanned and emailed to kmilligan@211ontario.ca no later than February 27, 2015.