

# mentor support network\*

## **2019 MSN Educational Scholarships: Regulations and Timelines**

### **Applications close 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

This program is open to students AGED FROM 15 YEARS who, because of financial hardship, are at risk of not completing their education or are deemed to be severely impeded in meeting their educational goals.

Scholarships are not necessarily awarded because of academic achievement but because of a demonstrated desire to achieve educational goals despite adversity.

Applicants should be an Australian citizen or holder of a Permanent Resident's Visa (Visa must be sighted).

Applicants must be nominated by an MSN member organisation.

Applicants must reside in and remain a resident of the Hunter region for all of the 2019 scholarship period. The Hunter region is as defined by the MSN Constitution.

Scholarships are awarded up to a maximum amount of \$3,000 and paid directly to the recipient on presentation of receipts, unless authorised by the Treasurer for some other arrangement to take place.

Scholarship monies are to be used for educational purposes (eg. tutoring fees, text books, stationery, computer hardware and software, educational excursions, course materials and specialist equipment). They should not be used for school fees and non educational personal needs such as car registration, driving lessons etc.

Applications open 10th SEPTEMBER 2018 and close 26th OCTOBER 2018.

An Application Form must be completed and received at the MSN postal address (PO Box 3149 Merewether NSW 2291) no later than c.o.b. 26th OCTOBER 2018. Applications can also be completed online. The same time line applies. Alternatively the Form may be handed to a member of the Scholarship sub-committee by the due date.

Interviews for Applicants will be conducted between the 7th and 9th November 2018 at the Engineers Australia offices in Newcastle.

All things being equal, a maximum of three applicants from any one member organisation may be selected to receive a scholarship. There is no limit as to the number of times an Applicant can apply and receive a Scholarship. Each application will be assessed on merit. However, in the event that we

have not awarded the required number of scholarships we can afford, then and only then, we could select a further number from a member organisation. In this instance, the allocations would be based on geographical zones, with a maximum of two from each zone.

There will be a meeting of successful scholarship recipients on the 12th February 2019. A formal presentation will take place on the 19th February 2019. Unless there are extenuating circumstances that are duly notified to and accepted by the Board, acceptance of a scholarship means attendance at the Formal Presentation is compulsory.

Scholarships cannot be deferred.

Should a scholarship recipient leave their educational institution or school, they, and/or their nominating member organisation are to immediately notify MSN.

Your answers to the questions below will enable the Mentor Support Network to determine whether you are a suitable candidate to participate in this Program.

**A letter from your nominating organisation must be sent separately to MSN in support of your application.**

If you are shortlisted on the basis of your answers to these questions, you will be invited to participate in an interview before a Selection Panel. You may be asked to bring some documents with you, such as your school/academic report and a consent form signed by your parent or guardian.

This form can be completed on-line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WKN77NK> (you may need to copy this address and paste it into your browser.) It can also be accessed from the MSN website <http://www.mentorsupportnetwork.com.au/>