EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2023

Closing date for applications: **Tuesday, 1 November 2022 at 4pm**

PO Box 70
BINDOON WA 6502

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6.2 Education Scholarship Award

Policy Owner:	Corporate Services
Person Responsible:	Community and Club Development Officer
Date of Approval:	18 May 2011
Amended:	May 2016

Objective

To provide financial assistance to students who reside within the Shire of Chittering in the pursuit of academic excellence in their chosen secondary school.

Policy

The Shire of Chittering offers two scholarships for local students: one graduating from Year 6 and one graduating from Year 10.

Eligible criteria

To be eligible students must be residents of the Shire of Chittering and be continuing with their schooling during the next calendar year.

Selection is based on outstanding all round involvement and contribution to school life and the local community, including but not limited to:

- Academic achievement
- All round achievement
- Community involvement
- Outstanding leadership

About the scholarship

The scholarship can assist the student with school fees, uniform(s), books and other extracurricular activities that may otherwise be missed out on (i.e. school trips / camps) as determined by the student and his/her parent or guardian.

The money is forwarded to the school the winning student will be attending, where it is held in trust until requested.

Winning the scholarship not only provides an important financial benefit to the student, it also recognises academic excellence and a strong commitment towards civic engagement.

Advertising

The Scholarship Awards are advertised in the Northern Valley News, the Bullsbrook/Gingin Advocate and via other Shire communication strategies

such as Facebook, Keep me Posted and the Shire website in line with the Shire Communication Plan in September each year.
Application forms are also forwarded to the relevant high schools.

Applications open first Friday of September and close on the first Friday of November each year.

Assessment process

Applications are reviewed by the Education Scholarship group consisting of a three-member panel appointed by Council and assessed against the Shire of Chittering Education Scholarship Assessment matrix.

Time frame

All applicants will be notified of the receipt of their application within a month of the closing date for applications.

The Education Scholarship group will make a recommendation to Council at the December Ordinary meeting of Council. All applicants will be notified of Councils decision and invited to attend the Australia Day awards in January.

Presentation of awards

All unsuccessful applicants will be awarded a certificate of merit and the winners will be presented with a certificate and a glass award. The nominated school of the winning students will be forwarded the monetary award to be held in trust until requested by the student and their parent / guardian.

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Criteria for Selection

The Shire of Chittering Education Scholarship applications will be marked against the following selection criteria:

1. Students must be residents of the Shire of Chittering and be a graduating Year 6 or Year 10 student continuing their schooling in the 2023 calendar year ($1,000 each). This can include homeschool students.

2. Selection is based on outstanding all round involvement, contribution to school life and the local community through demonstration of:

    a. Academic achievement
    b. All round achievement
    c. Community involvement
    d. Outstanding leadership

3. This will be supported by evidence of:
    i. 1st semester academic report from current school year and 2nd semester academic report from preceding year.
    ii. A statement from the student on why they believe the scholarship should be awarded to them and what makes them as the applicant stand out from all other applicants.
    iii. Reference /s from Community Organisations/ Clubs, teachers or individuals.
    iv. A statement from the student on their understanding of how the scholarship will assist them in achieving their schooling aspirations and;
    v. A statement from the parents on how this scholarship can assist with associated schooling costs.

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Closing date for applications

Applications close on **Tuesday, 1 November 2022 at 4pm**.

Applications must be submitted to:

Community Development Coordinator
Shire of Chittering
PO Box 70
BINDOON WA 6502

Note: No late applications will be considered.

Important information
It is preferred that the student completes the application form in their own handwriting; and the student **must** complete the application form in their own words.

Do not staple or bind applications. Please submit your application and all supporting evidence as A4 loose leaf sheets in a plastic sheet protector.

If you have any questions in relation to the Education Scholarship Awards please do not hesitate to contact the Community Development Coordinator on (08) 9576 4601, or via email at lisa.kay@chittering.wa.gov.au.

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Student's personal information

Name:		
Date of birth:		
Parent / Guardian name:		
Residential (street) address:		
Postal address: (If different from above)		
Contact telephone number(s):	Home:	
	Mobile:	
Graduating year:	Please tick the appropriate box ☐ Year 6 ☐ Year 10	

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- Please complete the following questions. If there is insufficient space, please attach additional pages.
- All information received will be kept **strictly confidential**.
- Please attach your 1st semester academic report from the current school year and 2nd semester academic report from the preceding year.
- It is preferred that the student completes the application form in their own handwriting; and the student *must* complete the application form in their own words.

Part 1

What school do you currently attend?

What school do you hope to attend in 2023?

What career do you hope to take up when you leave school?

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PART 2

In less than 200 words, why do you think this scholarship should be awarded to you?

Why do you think that you stand out from all other applicants? E.g. Do you try hard and put effort into things you do. Give us examples.

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PART 3

Tell us about what community activities you are involved in?

E.g. Do you volunteer your time, are you part of a club and assist with club activities or help someone regularly. Please attach references in support of these claims.

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PART 4

Tell us about any activities that you do where you demonstrate leadership.

I.e. This could be at school, as part of a club, in the community or during your involvement in sports. Please attach references in support of these claims.

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PART 5

Student Statement: to be completed by student in their own words.

How do you think the scholarship can be used at school to help you achieve your goals?

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PART 6

Parent Statement: to be completed by parent / guardian

The scholarship will be paid directly to the nominated education facility (school). If the student is successful how do you propose to use the scholarship ($1,000)?

How did you hear about this scholarship (please circle which one):
Advertisement in paper / school newsletter / flyer / Council website / Facebook / other _____

I declare that all the information provided is true and correct. I have read and understand the Education Scholarship Policy and Selection Criteria.

I understand that the panel will decide the successful applicants according to the stated criteria and that the panel's decision is final.

_____ _____
Student/Applicant's signature Date

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian's signature Date

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Check List

Have you:

- attached your 1st semester academic report from current school year and 2nd semester academic report from preceding year. ☐
- attached references in support of your claims for Part 3 & Part 4 ☐
- completed your parent / guardian statement pages and signed the declaration ☐
- included as much information possible about yourself, the school you have chosen to attend and why you have selected this school in the question areas. ☐
- checked the closing date to make sure your application arrives in time. ☐