

Education Scholarship Award

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Objective

To provide financial assistance to local residential students in the upcoming financial year.

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 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 Council's 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.