

THE WALTER AND ELIZA HALL TRUST OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

The Public Education Foundation's Walter and Eliza Hall Trust Opportunity Scholarship provides financial assistance to students who have a physical disability to enable them to reach their academic potential.

Since its establishment by Eliza Hall in 1912, the Walter and Eliza Hall Trust have been helping many Australians in need. During that time many tens of thousands of Australians and their families suffering the effects of poverty have been assisted in surviving a crisis. Many others have been helped to reach their full potential.

The Walter and Eliza Hall Trust Opportunity Scholarship will provide a student with a physical disability transition into tertiary education.

There are a total of three scholarships in 2019, each valued at \$10,000. Each scholarship will be split into two equal payments to be made after census day each semester of the 2019 university calendar.

The scholarship is to cover educational expenses such as:

- Face-To-Face Tutoring or Online Tutoring
- Necessary equipment
- Stationery and books
- Laptop

If a student discontinues their tertiary education, the scholarship will lapse. Any unspent monies at the end of the scholarship period must be refunded to the Public Education Foundation scholarship fund.

Before applying for this scholarship, please ensure that you read the scholarship terms and conditions available on our website at www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarship-awards-terms

BASIC ELIGIBILITY

- Has a permanent physical disability
- Attends a NSW Public School
- Currently in Year 12 and intending to apply for university in 2019
- Australian citizen or permanent resident

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Potential to do well at university and be able to demonstrate that the scholarship will make a significant contribution to reaching that potential
 - Experiencing financial disadvantage that may prevent the student from successfully completing their desired studies
 - Have a positive attitude towards schooling
 - Demonstrate they participate in school life
 - Demonstrate they contribute in the community and/or in extracurricular activities
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SELECTION PROCESS

A selection panel will review all scholarship applications and assess them against the selection criteria. The selection panel will include representatives of the Public Education Foundation, a representative from the Walter & Eliza Hall Trust and independent education experts. After considering all applications, the selection panel will recommend the selected applicant for the approval of the Public Education Foundation's Board.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome via email. If successful, the scholarship recipient's school principal will also receive notification directly.

HOW TO APPLY

Please note that all applications are now received via the Foundation's online portal. You will need to sign up for a FluidReview account.

To apply for the Walter and Eliza Hall Trust Opportunity Scholarship, students can access the link to the online portal via the Foundation's website - <http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarships>

Prior to starting your application, you should compile the following information ready to submit:

- Applicant details including:
 - full name
 - gender
 - date of birth
 - phone number
 - address
 - email
- Residence status (copy of residency Visa or Citizenship certificate is a requirement for applicants born outside of Australia)

- Parent/guardian details (at least one but up to two):
 - name
 - phone number
 - relationship to student
 - email address
- School details:
 - name of school
 - address
 - principal name
 - email
- School Point of Contact – the person at the school who you would like correspondence sent to – name, phone number and email
- Basic information about you/your family:
 - highest education qualification of your immediate family
 - whether you are Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or Pacific or South Sea Islander
 - if you are from a Non-English Speaking Background
 - country of origin of your parents and yourself
 - which languages you speak and are spoken at home
 - whether you have been in out-of-home care
 - socio-economic background
 - how you found out about the scholarship
- Provide details of your physical disability (this may include but is not limited to: Moderate to Severe Visual or hearing impairments, Osteoarthritis, Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis, Spina Bifida, Spinal Cord Injuries, Amputation, Paralysis, Cerebral Palsy or a medical illness such as Cancer, epilepsy or diabetes which has resulted in physical disability eg, amputation or visual impairment.)
- Your University course preferences including name of institution and name of degree/course (you *must* submit at least one preference but you can enter up to three).
- A statement outlining why you, the applicant, is a suitable candidate for this scholarship and how you meet each of the selection criteria. Please outline your academic and career goals too. (maximum 400 words)
- A copy of your most recent school report ready to upload (PDF or word format)
- A personal reference (PDF or word format, maximum 400 words)
- A supporting statement from your Principal (the Principal will be sent an email requesting them to complete a statement of support)

Note for Principals: Please be aware that your statement is a critical component of the application form and your feedback is given considerable weight in the process of panel deliberations. The deliberation panels are looking for feedback that goes well beyond simple confirmation that the student is enrolled at your school.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Once you have finalized your application and all elements are complete (including references and supporting statements as required) you can submit it for review.

Applications must be submitted by **11.59pm on Tuesday 28 August 2018**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Call the Public Education Foundation on 02 9266 8452 or email us at info@publiceducationfoundation.org.au.

We also encourage you to visit our website to learn more about the Foundation and the work that we do - www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au