



THE TRADES & TECHNOLOGY STEM OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

The Public Education Foundation's Trades & Technology STEM Opportunity Scholarship is a prestigious scholarship, which aims to encourage students with an interest to pursue a career in trades or STEM.

The scholarship has been made available by a retired man living in the inner-western suburbs of Sydney. He was the beneficiary of the generosity of others as a boy when his personal circumstances made it difficult for him to pursue his education. With additional support he was able to successfully complete his schooling, undertake further study and become a qualified member of an esteemed profession. Wishing to remain anonymous he has provided the funding to support this scholarship

The scholarship includes an annual bursary of \$1,000 for Years 11 and 12. A further contribution of up to \$2,000 may be provided to the student if they progress to study a trades or technology course in TAFE or university.

The scholarship is to cover educational expenses such as:

- Face-To-Face Tutoring or Online Tutoring
- Uniforms and equipment
- Stationery and books
- Laptop
- Excursions and camps

If a student leaves public school before the end of Year 12, the scholarship will lapse. If the student does not proceed to study trades or technology at TAFE or university, no additional support will be provided. 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

- Attends a NSW Public School
- Currently in Year 10
- Australian citizen or permanent resident

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Demonstrated aptitude in subjects that are technology and/or trades related
 - Potential to do well at school and be able to demonstrate that the scholarship will make a significant contribution to reaching that potential
 - 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 and independent experts. After considering all applications, the selection panel will recommend the selected applicants 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 access the form.

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)
- Number of years in formal education before coming to Australia (if applicable)
- Parent/guardian details (at least one but up to two)
- 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
- A recent photograph of yourself (head shot)
- A statement outlining why you, the applicant, is a suitable candidate for this scholarship and how you meet each of the selection criteria. Please also outline your academic plan (Maximum 400 words)
- A copy of all pages of your most recent school report ready to upload
- A personal reference from someone who knows you. It could be a teacher, coach, family friend or an employer. (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 panels are looking for feedback that goes well beyond simple confirmation that the student is enrolled in your school, or that you endorse the application.

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 23 October 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Call the Public Education Foundation on 02 9266 8256 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