



## THE UNIONS NSW JEFF SHAW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Public Education Foundation's Unions NSW Jeff Shaw Memorial Scholarships supports public school students studying curriculum subjects with aspects of unionism such as Economics, Business Studies, Legal Studies and Modern History. The scholarships particularly target students whose personal circumstances are such that without the scholarship they may not have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

The scholarships are funded by Unions NSW which represents more than 600,000 union members. As the peak body for the state's trade unions, Unions NSW campaigns to improve the conditions of workers, including ensuring that workers receive decent wages, fair conditions and a safe workplace.

The scholarships are named in memory of the Honourable Jeff Shaw QC who began his career as an industrial officer of one of NSW's largest unions, the Public Sector Association and later became the NSW Attorney General and Minister for Industrial Relations (1995-2000). He also served as a judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales. His career was defined by a tireless work ethic which focused on the defence of workers and their rights to fair wages, a safe workplace and freedom from discrimination. A former student of Hunters Hill High School, The Hon. Jeff Shaw was also a staunch defender of and advocate for public education in NSW.

Each scholarship will provide financial support of \$2,500 in Year 12 to help with resources and services relevant to improving their educational outcomes.

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. 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](http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarship-awards-terms)

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### BASIC ELIGIBILITY

- Attends a NSW Public School
- Currently in Year 11
- Australian citizen or permanent resident

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## SELECTION CRITERIA

- Evidence of interest in one or more of the designated subjects, such as Economics, Business Studies, Legal Studies and Modern History
- Evidence of commitment to social justice
- Potential to do well at school and be able to demonstrate that the scholarship will make a significant contribution to reaching that potential
- Have a positive attitude towards school and high rates of attendance
- Intention to complete their HSC and continue to tertiary education
- 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 Unions NSW 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.

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## HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the Unions NSW Jeff Shaw Memorial Scholarship, students can access the link to the online portal via the Foundation's website  
- <http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarships>

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)
  - 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
- A statement describing how you/your family demonstrate the values of the Union Movement (maximum 150 words)
- 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.**

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### 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.**

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### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Call the Public Education Foundation on 02 9266 8256 or email us at [info@publiceducationfoundation.org.au](mailto: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](http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au)