

## THE CAMBURN WITHERS SCHOLARSHIP

The Public Education Foundation's Camburn Withers Scholarship supports Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in NSW public primary schools that:

- are in areas classified as Remote or Very Remote schools (according to the Australian Geography Standard); or
- have ICSEA score below 700; or
- have previously been eligible for the scholarship.

The intent of the scholarship is to allow students to engage, learn, strive, reach their full potential and excel through their primary school education. Please see below for a full list of eligible schools.

The scholarship is named in memory of Camburn Withers small business owner and feminist, a man of vision, integrity, wisdom, humour and generosity of spirit; a believer in equal opportunity and in doing one's best. Camburn understood the value of education, learning, history, perseverance and belief in oneself.

The scholarship will provide financial support to help the student with resources and services relevant to improving their educational outcomes. An amount of \$1,000 per year will be paid to one successful applicant for each year of their primary schooling, for Years 2-6 (total amount \$5,000), or Years 3-6 (total amount \$4,000). It will be shaped by the needs of the student with support and input from relevant parties which may include from the school principal, the Foundation and/or the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group.

The scholarship is to cover educational expenses such as:

- Face to face or online tutoring
- Incidental fees (eg. Text book hiring, costs associated with a specialised subject etc)
- Uniforms and school shoes (including school sports clothing)
- Stationery and general office items and equipment
- Text books
- Laptop or iPads or other similar devices
- Printers
- Internet connection for study at home
- School excursions and school camps
- Costs associated with work experience linked to VET subjects
- Furniture for study such as desk, chair, lamp etc

If a student leaves public school before the end of primary school, 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)

## **BASIC ELIGIBILITY**

- Enrolled in Year 2 or Year 3 in 2019 in one of the following schools:

Baradine Central School, Baryulgil Public School, Boggabilla Central School, Booligal Public School, Boomi Public School, Bourke Public School, Bourke-Walgett School of Distance Education, Brewarrina Central School, Bullarah Public School, Burren Junction Public School, Cabbage Tree Island Public School, Carinda Public School, Clare Public School, Cobar Public School, Collarenebri Central School, Coonamble Public School, Dareton Public School, Enngonia Public School, Euabalong West Public School, Garah Public School, Girilambone Public School, Goodooga Central School, Green Hill Public School, Gulargambone Central School, Gwabegar Public School, Hermidale Public School, Hillston Central School, Hillvue Public School, Ivanhoe Central School, Lake Cargelligo Central School, Lightning Ridge Central School, Lord Howe Island Central School, Louth Public School, Mallawa Public School, Marra Creek Public School, Menindee Central School, Moree East Public School, Mungindi Central School, Naradhan Public School, Norfolk Island Central School, Nyngan Public School, Palinyewah Public School, Pilliga Public School, Pomona Public School, Premer Public School, Quambone Public School, Rowena Public School, Tabulam Public School, Taree Public School, Tibooburra Outback Public School, Tingha Public School, Toomelah Public School, Tottenham Central School, Tullibigeal Central School, Walgett Community College - Primary School, Walhallow Public School, Wanaaring Public School, Weilmoringle Public School, White Cliffs Public School, Wilcannia Central School

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Australian citizen or permanent resident

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## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Evidence of successful transition into the primary school environment and the capacity to succeed at school
- Disadvantage currently preventing the student from realising their potential at school
- Positive attitude towards school and high attendance rates
- Demonstrate they participate in school life
- Indigenous community links

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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, the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and independent 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.

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## How To Apply

To apply for the Camburn Withers Scholarship, carers and teachers 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
- 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 recent photograph of yourself (head shot)
- A statement from the applicant's parent/carer outlining why the applicant is a suitable candidate for this scholarship and how they meet each of the selection criteria. (PDF or Word format, maximum 400 words)
- A digital copy of all pages of your most recent school report ready to upload
- A personal reference from an Aboriginal community member which addresses the selection criteria (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.**

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### DRAFT PAPER APPLICATION FORM

Our online applications are a mandatory part of the PEF process; however, we are aware that this can cause additional challenges for schools assisting with scholarship applications. We have developed a paper application form which will hopefully assist with this process. Please note that the application must still be completed online but the Parent/Carer statement and Community member reference may be uploaded as a handwritten documents if required:

- Parent/Carer Statement
- Reference from an Aboriginal Community member
- Signed Terms and Conditions

Please make sure they are legible.

If you require a copy of the draft paper version of this application, please contact PEF on [info@publiceducationfoundation.org.au](mailto:info@publiceducationfoundation.org.au)

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### SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

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

Applications must be submitted by **11.59pm on Tuesday 30 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)