
FIRST STATE SUPER - TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP

2020 INFORMATION KIT

The First State Super Teachers Scholarship is designed specifically to support public primary school teachers who teach Early Stage One and Stage One. The scholarship provides \$10,000 to spend on approved professional development / professional learning. The scholarship may be spent on a single professional development course, including approved overseas courses with travel, or on a set of professional learning activities.

First State Super is one of Australia's largest profit-for-member super funds providing members with safe and secure superannuation and quality financial advice. First State Super members are teachers, nurses, midwives, police, firefighters, paramedics and others who dedicate their careers to helping others.

Through this scholarship, First State Super is proud to invest in the professional development of Early Stage One and Stage One teachers who play an important role in the lives of young children, establishing the foundation blocks for future learning.

Before applying for this scholarship, please ensure that you read the scholarship terms and conditions available on our website at <https://publiceducationfoundation.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/190626-PEF-Teacher-Principal-Exec-Terms-Conditions.pdf>

BASIC ELIGIBILITY

- Be a current Stage One or Early Stage One teacher in a government primary school in Australia (Early Stage One = Kindergarten, Stage One = Years 1 – 2);
- Be committed to continue as a teacher in the government school system for at least another five years;
- Be available to share your learnings and act as an Ambassador for the Public Education Foundation and First State Super (if applicable) after the professional development experience;
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Evidence of significant ability as an early stage educator;
- Commitment to the values of public education;
- Capability for leadership into the future;
- Evidence of the candidate's enthusiasm for furthering their own professional development and education;
- A clearly articulated demonstration of the need for the requested professional development, and their expected outcome from this;
- How the knowledge will be implemented in the classroom and shared with colleagues;
- Other personal qualities and personal circumstances that would enhance the candidate's suitability for a First State Super Teachers Scholarship;

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, First State Super 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. The selection panel reserves the right to ask shortlisted applicants to participate in an interview.

APPLICATION FORM AND ATTACHMENTS

To apply for the First State Super Teachers Scholarship, applicants 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.

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

- Applicant details including:
 - full name
 - phone number
 - address
 - email
- Residence status
- Number of years as an Early Stage One and/or Stage One Teacher

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- School details:
 - name of school
 - address
 - principal name
 - email
 - total enrolment
 - student attendance rate
 - % of Indigenous students
 - % of EALD students
 - % of students with special needs
 - Please also outline your plan for professional development including:
 - Your plan for professional development and expected outcomes (maximum 200 words)
 - Short description of requested course/s (**must be AFTER May 2020**) including anticipated costs (including any travel / incidental costs associated with the study – maximum 200 words)
 - Your plan for sharing your knowledge with colleagues and implementing your knowledge in the classroom (Maximum 150 words)
 - A personal statement about yourself, your commitment to teaching and public education and how the course/s (and scholarship) will contribute to the plans and goals for yourself and your school (maximum 300 words)
 - A reference from your Principal confirming their commitment to supporting your study and releasing you from teaching if necessary, to undertake the study (PDF or Word format, maximum 400 words) **This reference should ideally be provided on letterhead. AT A MINIMUM references must include the referees name, title and be signed and dated**

Note for Principals: Please be aware that your reference 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 teacher is employed at your school and should include what you believe the applicants potential is as a teacher and future leader.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Once you have finalised 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 11 February 2020

Please note that if you are selected as the successful recipient of this scholarship you will be required to submit a detailed proposal of your intended study, with associated expenditure, for approval prior to the funds being made available to you. ***Funding will be made available from late May 2020, so all requested course/s must take place after this date.***

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Call the Public Education Foundation on 02 7814 2806 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