

2020 MSN Educational Scholarship Program

Applications close 27 September 2019

Guidelines for Nominators

1. The MSN scholarships program is open to young students who are:
 - aged at least 15 on 31 December 2019;
 - attending school, university or TAFE in the Hunter region (see below for definition);
 - committed to continuing their education; and
 - in challenging financial circumstances which make it difficult for them to secure the educational supports necessary to their success.
2. Scholarships are not necessarily awarded because of academic achievement but because of a demonstrated desire to achieve educational goals despite financial difficulties.
3. Applicants **must** be nominated by an MSN organisational member.
4. Application forms **must** be completed by the students themselves (although your advice and support will assist them).
5. A paper form can be downloaded at <http://www.mentorsupportnetwork.com.au/support/mentor-support-network-educational-scholarship> It should be returned by post to Mentor Support Network, PO Box 3149, Merewether, NSW 2291 or e-mail to jane.kift@mentorsupportnetwork.com.au.
6. Students can also complete the form online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6NY665Z> (they may have to paste the address into their browser).
7. An organisational member may submit as many nominations as they wish. However, if more than three nominations are submitted by one organisation, we ask that they be ranked based on student need.
8. The nominator **must** send an **individual letter of reference** for each nominee describing the student's circumstances and the impact the scholarship will have on them. Letters can be sent by e-mail to jane.kift@mentorsupportnetwork.com.au or posted to Mentor Support Network, PO Box 3149, Merewether, NSW 2291.
9. Students who have already received a scholarship are eligible to reapply.
10. The value of each scholarship is between \$1,500 and \$3,000 based on each student's particular circumstances. Funds are paid directly by electronic bank deposit to the recipient on presentation of receipts unless other arrangements are made.
11. Scholarship monies **must** be used for educational purposes **only** (for example: tutoring fees, text books, stationery, computer hardware and software, educational excursions, course fees and materials, and specialist equipment). They may not be used for school fees and non-educational personal needs.
12. The application form and nominations letter must be received by midnight 27 September 2019.
13. Students selected for an interview will be notified in mid-October and at that time told the date and time of their interview. All interviews will be conducted on 4, 5 and 6 November 2019 at the Engineers Australia Office, Suite 3, Tonella Commercial Centre, 125 Bull Street, Newcastle West (enter from Dick St). This location is close to Newcastle Interchange and Marketown.
14. Students selected to receive a scholarship will be notified in late November.
15. Scholarships are for 2020 only and cannot be deferred.
16. Scholarship recipients **are required** to attend an information session on 9 December 2019 **and** the awards presentation on 11 February 2020.
17. Should a scholarship recipient leave their educational institution or school, they and/or their nominator are to immediately notify MSN.

Contact us if you have any further questions.

Thanks for your support of the applicants.

The Hunter Region is that region included within the local government areas known or formerly known as Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Port Stephens, Singleton, Muswellbrook, Upper Hunter, Great Lakes, Cessnock, Dungog and Gloucester.