



Mayoral Academic Scholarship Program



TERMS & CONDITIONS 2020

1. ESTABLISHMENT

- 1.1 Port Stephens Council has established the Scholarships program in partnership with local businesses with the purpose of encouraging and assisting students from the Port Stephens Local Government Area to pursue their academic goals.
- 1.2 The 2020 Mayoral Academic Scholarships will open for applications from 9am Friday 13 December 2020 and close at 5pm Friday 17 January 2020. No late applications will be accepted.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 In these conditions,

"Scholarship" means financial support for a student to attend an approved tertiary institution, such as University or TAFE;

"Scholar" means a recipient of a scholarship;

"Program" means the program of study in which the scholar is enrolled;

"Immediate family" means any of the following: spouse, ex-spouse, defacto spouse, child or step child (whether natural or by adoption), parent, step parent, grandparent, step grandparent, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, brother (including half-brother or step brother), sister (including half-sister or step sister), or first cousin.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The Scholarship is available to candidates who:
 - 3.1.1 Will be undertaking their first year of formal study at a tertiary educational institution (eg TAFE, university) in 2020;
 - 3.1.2 Will be studying on a full or part-time basis;
 - 3.1.3 Currently live in the Port Stephens Local Government Area;
 - 3.1.4 Are an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia; and
 - 3.1.5 Whose tertiary studies are not financially supported by their employer.
- 3.2 Port Stephens Council Councillors, Contractors and employees and their immediate families are ineligible to apply for this program.

4. SELECTION

- 4.1 Applicants must complete and submit the application form as provided by Port Stephens Council.



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- 4.2** Shortlisted applicants will then be invited to attend an interview.
- 4.3** A selection committee will endorse the awarding of all Scholarships.
- 4.4** The selection committee shall comprise of Port Stephens Council representatives.
- 4.5** Scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of suitability across the following areas:
- academic merit;
 - quality of resume;
 - character references;
 - community interaction and involvement;
 - performance at interview; and
 - other circumstances, such as hardship, social disadvantage or disability.
- 4.6** Selection will be based on the applicant making themselves available for the Presentation Evening at Port Stephens Council on Thursday 13 February 2020.

5. CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- 5.1** Each Scholarship is for one year and must be taken up in the year it is awarded.
- 5.2** Each Scholar must continue to be enrolled in a tertiary training institution in the year the Scholarship is awarded.
- 5.3** Successful applicants must attend and participate in the Presentation Ceremony to be held at Port Stephens Council Chambers on Thursday 13 February 2020.

6. BENEFIT

- 6.1** The Scholarship provides a total of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be paid in full shortly following the Presentation Ceremony in 2020.

7. TERMINATION

- 7.1** A Scholarship shall terminate before the conclusion date and must be repaid to Council if the Scholar:
- 7.1.1** fails to fulfil any of the conditions of the Scholarship;
 - 7.1.2** fails to meet any of the eligibility criteria outlined in Section 3;
 - 7.1.3** relinquishes the Scholarship;
 - 7.1.4** ceases to be a student at their nominated tertiary institution during the period of the Scholarship without written notification to Council.
- 7.2** In the event of termination, the scholarship monies will be a debt recoverable by Council on a pro-rata basis based on when the termination occurs during the academic year.