The PMSA is offering a limited number of Teacher Education Scholarships to current and past students of PMSA schools.

The purposes of the scholarships are:

- To foster a respect for the importance of teaching as a profession
- To foster Christian faith and values in schools and encourage future teachers who hold Christian beliefs and values
- To assist aspiring teachers of Christian conviction to complete an approved teacher education program to enable them to make a difference in the schools they serve

The PMSA Teacher Education Scholarships are intended to help develop a group of suitably qualified Christian teachers who aspire to both serve in PMSA schools and gain valuable teaching experience in other educational settings. A limited number of scholarships, each worth $2,000 per annum for up to four years of study (and CPI-adjusted annually) will be made available to suitable students entering an undergraduate teacher education degree course.

ELIGIBILITY
To be eligible, an applicant must:

- Either be a current student of a PMSA school, or have attended a PMSA school in the last two years, and have attended the PMSA school for at least two years
- Be a permanent Australian resident student
- Be accepted, or will be confirmed as accepted, to commence a full-time undergraduate teacher education degree course in the next calendar year or be currently enrolled in such a course.

CRITERIA
Applicant will be assessed on the following criteria:

1) Demonstration of active membership of a Christian church, engagement in Christian faith, life and service, active involvement in their school's Christian service activities and modelling of the Christian ethos of their school
2) Contribution to their PMSA school and demonstration of the PMSA values (relationships, excellence, care, ethics, personal development and celebration)
3) Overall academic performance and suitable for the profession of teaching
4) Commitment to personal learning and to the education and development of young people through the teaching profession.

CONDITIONS
1) Each scholarship is for $2,000 per annum in 2014, which will be adjusted annually by the Australian Consumer Price Index increase.
2) A scholarship may be offered for up to four years.
3) Scholars must maintain a full-time study load in each semester, in the approved course. Any variation in enrolment from the approved course must be approved by the PMSA, prior to any change, for
eligibility to continue. Approval will depend on evidence (eg: Dean's advice) that the course continues to meet the intention of the scholarship to foster Christian teachers in the education for that profession.

4) The scholarship is paid in semester instalments at the start of each semester, on receipt of evidence of acceptance into and enrolment in an approved full-time undergraduate teacher education degree course at an Australian University or Teachers Training College.

5) A semester's scholarship payment is repayable if the student fails to continue with enrolment in the approved course for that semester.

6) Payment of subsequent instalments is dependent on evidence of successful completion of the previous semester's course of study. A scholarship may be suspended if a scholar fails to meet successfully complete a semester's study (ie: subject grades at or above a pass or equivalent level). The scholarship may then be restored for subsequent semesters, if the scholar demonstrates a return to satisfactory performance.

7) Scholars are to meet with the PMSA's representative at least once per semester, and provide evidence of academic progress at the end of each semester.

8) The scholarship is provided at the discretion of the PMSA, which reserves the right to determine any factors affecting the continuation or suspension of the scholarship and eligibility for the scholarship.

9) The PMSA does not guarantee employment at the completion of the scholar’s tertiary study.

**TIMELINE**
The timeline for the selection of scholarships for 2014 is as follows:

Friday 20 September 2013  **Scholarships advertised**
Information will be disseminated in school newsletters and intranets, and via class and year level announcements. Application forms and information will be available on the PMSA and school websites.

Friday ,18 October 2013  **Applications close**
Applications must be received by the PMSA by this date.

21 October – 8 November 2013  **Selection Panel meetings**
**Selection Interviews**
The Selection Panel (three persons appointed by the PMSA Education and Pastoral Care Committee) may meet with short-listed candidates.

18 November 2013  **Scholarships Offered to Successful Applicants**
First round of conditional offers of scholarships for entry to university in Semester 1, 2014 will be made to successful applicants. Subsequent offers may occur in the November-December 2013 period.

January 2014  **Announcement of Scholars**
Once scholars have received confirmed tertiary entry places, the offer is confirmed and a letter outlining the scholarship is sent to Scholars.

February 2014  **Enrolment and Awards**
Once enrolment is confirmed, the first semester's scholarship payment will be made.
Scholars will be invited to attend an appropriate award ceremony in their school and to meet with representatives of the PMSA early in the academic year.
APPLICATION FORM

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REQUIRED INFORMATION

Please attach the following documents and information:

☐ A brief statement (no more than 500 words) on how you meet the selection criteria.

☐ A brief statement (no more than 500 words) on how this scholarship would assist you to achieve your aspirations as a teacher. Please also comment on your intended field of study and preferred academic institution (or QTAC preferences).

☐ A brief statement (no more than 500 words) on any other factors about you and your interests/ experiences (eg: relevant studies or accomplishments of note) that you believe the Panel should consider in awarding a Scholarship.

☐ Copies of your school reports for Years 10, 11 and 12 (ie: if applicable, Semester 1 report for Year 12)

☐ Copy of current tertiary enrolment information (former students only)

☐ Supporting statement from your School Principal

☐ Supporting Statement from your School Chaplain and/or local Pastor

APPLICATION PROCESS

Forward your application (marked confidential) by the due date to:

Attn: Executive Director
PMSA
PO Box 298
Toowong 4066

Or by email to:
info@pma-schools.edu.au

QUESTIONS?
For more information, please contact your school’s careers counsellor in the first instance.
Other applicants may contact the PMSA Office on (07) 33710709