

The Presbyterian and Methodist Schools Association (PMSA) is offering a limited number of Teacher Education Scholarships to current and past students of PMSA schools - Brisbane Boys' College, Clayfield College, Somerville House and Sunshine Coast Grammar School.

The purpose of the scholarship is to:

- Foster a respect for the importance of teaching and early childhood education as professions.
- Assist aspiring teachers and early childhood educators who align with Christian faith schools to undertake approved learning and 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 educators who aspire to both serve in PMSA schools and gain valuable experience in other educational settings.

A limited number of scholarships, each worth \$2,000 per annum for up to four years of study will be made available to suitable students entering an undergraduate teacher education degree or early childhood education 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 or early childhood 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 membership of a Christian church, engagement in Christian faith, life and service, active involvement in their school's Christian service activities and/or 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 suitability for the profession of teaching or early childhood education.
- 4) Commitment to personal learning and to the education and development of young people.

CONDITIONS

- 1) Each scholarship is for a minimum of \$2,000 per annum, adjusted annually according to Consumer Price Index changes.
- 2) A scholarship may be offered for up to four years.
- 3) Scholars must maintain a full-time study load 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 that the course continues to meet the intention of the scholarship.
- 4) The scholarship is paid in semester instalments on receipt of evidence of acceptance into and enrolment into an approved full-time undergraduate teacher education degree or early childhood course at an Australian university or approved training provider.
- 5) A 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 successfully complete a semester's study (i.e., 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 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 following the completion of the course.

TIMELINE

The timeline for the selection of scholarships for 2024 is as follows:

4 September 2023

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.

13 October 2023

Applications close

Applications must be received by the PMSA by this date.

**October-November
2023**

Selection interviews

The Selection Panel (representatives from each PMSA school appointed by the PMSA) may meet with short-listed candidates.

December 2023

Scholarships offered to successful applicants

Conditional offers of scholarships for entry to university in Semester 1, 2024 will be made to successful applicants.

January 2024

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 2024

Enrolment and awards

Once enrolment is confirmed, scholars may 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

I wish to submit an application for a PMSA Teacher Education Scholarship and confirm that to the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided in support of my application is accurate and true. I agree to the terms of the scholarship and I have the support of my parent(s)/guardian in making this application. I understand that the award of a scholarship is on a competitive basis and the decision of the PMSA is final. I authorise the PMSA to use the information provided in this application and to obtain further information regarding my application from my school if necessary. I authorise the PMSA to provide my personal details to my school, to the educational institution(s) listed below and to the relevant tertiary admission centre(s) if necessary to confirm my enrolment.

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(Signature of applicant)

Date

I/We, the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of the applicant endorse and support this application for a PMSA Teacher Education Scholarship. We authorise the PMSA to provide information to, or seek further information from, the schools, tertiary institutions and tertiary admission centre(s) for the purposes of verifying the accuracy of information relating to this application.

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(Signature(s) of parent(s)/guardian(s))

Date

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name:.....

Home address:

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Email

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Mobile:

Citizenship/ Residency status (please tick) Australian Citizen Permanent Resident

PMSA school:

Years enrolled:



REQUIRED INFORMATION CHECKLIST

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 interests/ experiences (e.g. 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 (Semester 1 only for Year 12).
- Copy of current tertiary enrolment information (former students only).
- Supporting statement from your school Principal/Headmaster.
- Supporting statement from your school chaplain and/or local pastor.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Forward your application (marked confidential) by **Friday 13 October 2023** to:

officeadmin@pmsa-schools.edu.au

QUESTIONS?

For more information, please contact your school's careers counsellor in the first instance or contact the PMSA Group Office on (07) 3180 9111.