

“The Mayoral Scholarship”

Aim

To provide the disadvantaged people of Young Shire with a Scholarship that will in some way enable them to pursue their goals and assist them in seizing opportunity.

Background Information

In December 2000, Young Shire Council voted to create *The Mayoral Scholarship*. The inaugural scholarship was made available in the 2002/2003 financial year. It has been decided that the Mayoral Scholarship be an annual funding allocation by Young Shire Council. (Total funds available in 2015/16 are \$8,224).

The decision for determining the successful applicant, or applicants, will be made by a group of community leaders, referred to as *The Mayoral Scholarship Panel*. There will be an annual “calling period” seeking eligible applications.

The Mayoral Scholarship Panel will determine the number of Scholarships awarded each year and the amount of each Scholarship. The Mayoral Scholarship Panel will also decide the method of payment and the payment schedule each year, dependant upon the requirements of the successful recipients.

The successful Scholarship recipient, or recipients, will be presented with a certificate signifying they are a *Mayoral Scholarship* recipient at an Ordinary Meeting of Young Shire Council each year.

The Mayoral Scholarship will be available for academia, sport or the arts.

The Mayoral Scholarship Panel will have the final determination on successful applications. There will be no further avenues for appeal or re-dress after the *Mayoral Scholarship* recipient, or recipients, has formally been announced.

Membership of *The Mayoral Scholarship Panel*

The Mayoral Scholarship Panel membership is drawn from:

Mayor,	Young Shire Council (Chair)
Deputy Mayor,	Young Shire Council
President,	Young Rotary
President,	Young Lions
President,	Young Sports Council
President,	Young District Arts Council
Representative,	Legal Fraternity
Representative,	Medical Fraternity
Representative,	Ministers Fraternal

The Mayor will be Chair of *The Mayoral Scholarship Panel*.

Any of the above, other than the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor, may nominate a Representative of their organisation to attend the meeting.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a Scholarship under *The Mayoral Scholarship* a person must be;

- Ø a resident of Young Shire Council at the time Applications open, and
- Ø be able to provide evidence of financial difficulty (or other hardship) in meeting the requirements of their course, sporting pursuit or artistic endeavour.
- Ø be able to indicate how their endeavours will benefit the Young Community.
- Ø There shall be no age limit imposed on applicants.
- Ø Contribution of the applicant to the Young community.

Application Process

An application form is attached. Applicants must complete all sections of the Application Form and tender copies of documentation that may assist their application for assistance under *The Mayoral Scholarship*. **Applications will close at 12 noon Friday 4th December, 2015.**

The Number of Scholarships

The number of scholarships awarded and the amount of each scholarship awarded will be a decision of *The Mayoral Scholarship Panel*.

The Mayoral Scholarship Panel may decide not to award a scholarship in any given year.

Applicant Responsibilities

Young Shire Council, or the voluntary representatives making up membership of *The Mayoral Scholarship Panel*, will not be held responsible for any financial loss incurred by an applicant when preparing the Application Form.

All applicants are responsible for assessing the overall impact on their individual circumstance when lodging an application under *The Mayoral Scholarship*. In particular, applicants are urged to obtain advice from;

1. an accountant regarding taxation implications,
2. Centrelink regarding any possible impact on a social security benefit, and
3. If in the receipt of a bursary or scholarship from elsewhere then to ensure funding from *The Mayoral Scholarship* will not void that bursary or scholarship allocation.

Please note as a requirement of the scholarship successful candidates will be required to submit a brief outline of results from the studies/endeavours within 12 months of the grant of scholarship.

Applicants are also to respect the privacy of *The Mayoral Scholarship Panel*. It is, therefore, not appropriate to approach or attempt to influence members of *The Mayoral Scholarship Panel*.

Applications close at 12.00 noon Friday, 4th December, 2015. To be accepted all mailed applications must be date stamped by Australia Post prior to the closing time and date. Mail your application to;

**The Mayoral Scholarship
C/- Young Shire Council
Locked Bag 5
YOUNG NSW 2594**

Or email your application to mail@young.nsw.gov.au

**The Mayoral Scholarship
Application Form**

1. Your Personal Details

Name; _____

Address; _____

Telephone – Home; _____

Telephone – Mobile; _____

Email; _____

2. What will you be doing with The Mayoral Scholarship?

Please tick one box;

- Academic Study (*eg* university)
- Vocational Study (*eg* TAFE)
- Artistic endeavour
- Sporting endeavour

3. Details of your nominated pursuit

3.1 What is your nominated course or pursuit? _____

3.2 Where will this occur (e.g. name of academy / university etc, if applicable)?

3.3 Is this the first year you have enrolled in this course or pursuit?

3.4 Have you received official notification of your acceptance into this course or activity?

3.5 Why is this course/ chosen endeavour important to you?

4. Scholarship Eligibility

4.1 What is your connection to Young?

4.2 The scholarship aims to assist people facing financial difficulty (or other hardship) in meeting the requirements of their course, sporting pursuit or artistic endeavour. Please comment on your particular circumstances (e.g. all courses are expensive, as is living away from home). Please detail these and any particular financial difficulties. Please demonstrate how you have attempted to alleviate your financial hardship?

6. Please provide details supporting your application. (e.g. any further relevant information, copy of offer, brief resume, any documents demonstrating financial difficulty, references, reports demonstrating academic, sporting or other achievements.)

7. Please note as a requirement of the scholarship successful candidates will be required to submit a brief outline of results from the studies/endeavours within 12 months of the grant of scholarship.

8. If you have received Mayoral Scholarship funding in previous years you **MUST** submit a brief outline of results from the studies/endeavours in accordance with No 7. Failure to do so will deem your application ineligible for consideration. Please attach copies to your application.

If there is insufficient space to respond to any question you may include attachments. You should include copies of certificates, reports or references that may support your application.

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