

Educational Scholarships GUIDELINES



About Stand Like Stone

Our vision is to inspire community kindness and courage, and as one of the leading community foundations in South Australia, and the only community foundation in the Limestone Coast, we are proud to have supported the region through our charitable grant making and educational scholarships since 2004.

What is the purpose of the Scholarship?

The educational scholarship program is designed to support the people and their education who have a connection to the seven council areas within the Limestone Coast.

The purpose of the scholarship is to promote the recipients' education through an approved Australian course.

Scholarships will be advertised widely.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants

- Australian citizens or permanent residents. (If successful you will be required to provide evidence of your Australian citizenship / permanent residency.)
- People enrolled in or intending to enrol in a recognised course of study in the following calendar year (eg submit application in Oct-Nov 2023 for study to be undertaken in 2024 etc).
 - This must be an approved curriculum and course at an Australian educational institution that is recognised by Australian educational authorities. The approved Australian course can be pre-school, primary school, secondary school or tertiary courses. Applicants who have commenced study prior to the opening of the current round will be considered, however successful applicants will only receive funding for study undertaken from the year of the scholarship onwards.
- People with a connection to the Limestone Coast or a desire to live and work in the Limestone Coast now or in the future.
- Applicants who have previously applied (successful and/or unsuccessful applicants)

Ineligible applicants

- Previous recipients who have not completed their acquittal report and returned it to Stand Like Stone.
- Students who do not have a connection to the Limestone Coast.



Annual Scholarships available

The number of scholarships and amounts given from each scholarship will vary. A number of donors have made gifts to the Educational Scholarship Fund and have indicated that they prefer the following areas of interest be supported by their gift.

CONNECTION WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS	
<p>MOUNT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL <i>(Mount Gambier High School Student Scholarship Sub Fund)</i></p>	<p>Provides educational scholarships to students attending or enrolling at Mount Gambier High School. This includes current Mount Gambier High School students, primary school students who will be attending Mount Gambier High School or students who are moving from another school to Mount Gambier High School for the year that the scholarship applies. The scholarship can also be used to assist current or past students of Mount Gambier High School to undertake further educational studies at a tertiary level - such as, but not limited to, University, TAFE and other approved courses.</p>
<p>KEITH AREA SCHOOL <i>(Keith Area School Student Scholarship Sub Fund)</i></p>	<p>Provides educational scholarships to students attending or enrolling at Keith Area School. This includes current Keith Area School students or students who are moving from another school to Keith Area School for the year that the scholarship applies. The scholarship can also be used to assist current or past students of Keith Area School to undertake further educational studies at a tertiary level - such as, but not limited to, University, TAFE and other approved courses.</p>
<p>KINGSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL <i>(Kingston Community School Student Scholarship Sub Fund)</i></p>	<p>Provides educational scholarships to students attending or enrolling at Kingston Community School. This scholarship will be awarded on reasons of equity (as defined in How are scholarships awarded) to current Kingston Community School students or students who are moving from another school to Kingston Community School for the year that the scholarship applies. The scholarship can also be used to assist current or past students of Kingston Community School to undertake further educational studies at a tertiary level - such as, but not limited to, University, TAFE and other approved courses.</p>
<p>LUCINDALE AREA SCHOOL <i>(Lucindale Area School Student Scholarship Sub Fund)</i></p>	<p>Provides educational scholarships to students attending or enrolling at Lucindale Area School. This includes current Lucindale Area School students and students who are moving from another school or kindergarten to Lucindale Area School in the year that the scholarship applies. The scholarship can also be used to assist current or past students of Lucindale Area School to undertake further educational studies at a tertiary level - such as, but not limited to, University, TAFE and other approved courses.</p>
<p>GRANT HIGH SCHOOL <i>(Grant High School Student Scholarship Sub Fund)</i></p>	<p>Provides educational scholarships to students attending or enrolling at Grant High School. This includes current Grant High School students and students who are moving from another school to Grant High School in the year that the scholarship applies. The scholarship can also be used to assist current or past students of</p>



	Grant High School to undertake further educational studies at a tertiary level - such as, but not limited to, University, TAFE and other approved courses.
MILLICENT HIGH SCHOOL <i>(Millicent High School Educational Scholarship Sub Fund)</i>	Provides educational scholarships to students attending or enrolling at Millicent High School. This includes current Millicent High School students, primary school students who will be attending Millicent High School or students who are moving from another school to Millicent High School in the year that the scholarship applies. The scholarship can also be used to assist current or past students of Millicent High School to undertake further educational studies at a tertiary level - such as, but not limited to, University, TAFE and other approved courses.
SPECIFIC AREA OF STUDY	
NURSING <i>(L M Woodruff Memorial Scholarship Sub Fund)</i>	Provides scholarships to assist young women identifying with the Limestone Coast to undertake a nursing career at any level. This scholarship can be given to a secondary student with an ambition to study nursing, a student entering tertiary study or a student that is currently undertaking tertiary study.
MUSIC <i>(L T O'Connor Scholarship Sub Fund)</i>	Provides scholarships for reasons of merit (as defined in how are scholarships awarded) in the area of music to people identifying with the Limestone Coast to further their experiences and knowledge in music.
VITICULTURE <i>(Penola Coonawarra Vititec Community Scholarship Sub Fund)</i>	Used to provide scholarships to kindergarten, primary, secondary or tertiary students with a connection to the greater Penola Coonawarra area. The scholarship was established upon the winding up of VITITEC which aimed to increase the knowledge of grape growing and viticultural techniques in the region.
TRADES and/or ARTS <i>(Lorry Humphreys Memorial Scholarship Sub Fund)</i>	Used to provide scholarships and programs for people seeking to pursue a career in the Trades and the Arts .
CONNECTION WITH SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC AREAS	
MOUNT GAMBIER AREA <i>(de Nys Family Memorial Scholarship Sub Fund)</i>	Provide scholarships for reasons of equity (as defined in How are scholarships awarded) for primary, secondary or tertiary students identifying with the greater Mount Gambier area.
BORDERTOWN AREA <i>(Cornerstone Scholarship Sub Fund)</i>	Provides scholarships for reasons of equity or merit to benefit kindergarten, primary, secondary or tertiary students identifying with the greater Bordertown area.
PENOLA AREA or LIMESTONE COAST <i>(The Balnaves Fdn Scholarship Sub Fund)</i>	The Balnaves Foundation Educational Scholarship is provided for reasons of equity or merit to benefit kindergarten, primary, secondary or tertiary students identifying with the greater Penola area or the Limestone Coast. The scholarship will be awarded to assist with study, with a focus on young people, the disadvantaged and Indigenous communities. It is preferential (but not essential), to award the scholarship to a student that has an interest in the region and the Indigenous history of the area.
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GENERAL <i>(Brian Page Focus on Youth Scholarship Sub Fund)</i>	Provides scholarships to assist people identifying with the Limestone Coast to undertake educational studies at any level - primary, secondary or tertiary courses.
GENERAL <i>(Stand Like Stone Scholarship)</i>	Provides scholarships to assist people identifying with the Limestone Coast to undertake educational studies at any level - primary, secondary or tertiary courses.
WOMEN <i>(SARWG Mt Gambier Scholarship Sub Fund)</i>	Provides scholarships for reasons of equity or merit to benefit women in the pursuit of their educational goals.
UNDER, OR FORMERLY UNDER, THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINISTER <i>(LE & NC Myers Educational Scholarship Sub Fund)</i>	The scholarship supports young people under the guardianship of the Minister or who have exited the guardianship of the Minister to achieve their goals in vocational and tertiary education.

Perpetual Scholarships

The perpetual scholarships are offered each year. The scholarships are a fixed amount for a specific area of interest as outlined below:

Lorry Humphreys Arts Scholarship	The scholarship is valued at \$5000 and is open to students who are undertaking study in the Arts. One (1) x \$5,000 scholarship will be provided annually.
Lorry Humphreys Trades Scholarship	The scholarship is valued at \$5000 and is open to students who are undertaking Trade based study. One (1) x \$5,000 scholarship will be provided annually.
Lorry Humphreys Trades and/or Arts Scholarship	The scholarship is valued at \$5000each and is open to students who are undertaking either Trade based study or study in the Arts. Two (2) x \$5,000 scholarship will be provided annually.
Rackhams Educational Scholarship	The Rackhams educational scholarships are provided for reasons of equity or merit to benefit secondary or tertiary students with a connection to the Wattle Range Council Area. Three (3) x \$10,000 scholarships will be provided annually.

Assessment criteria

All applications will be assessed on reasons of equity and merit:

- Examples of equity would cover students who are
 - experiencing socio-economic disadvantage or hardship
 - suffering a disability
 - other reasons may include special needs flowing from age, gender, ethnicity or geographic location.
- merit (The basis of merit can be academic and can also include non-academic criteria where they are sufficiently connected with the educational objectives such as sporting or artistic ability where the sporting or artistic pursuit is part of the curriculum.)

What can the scholarship be used for?

The scholarship can be used for:

- Approved curriculum and courses at Australian educational institutions (such as pre-schools, primary schools, secondary schools, higher education institutions and registered training organisations) that are approved or recognised by Australian educational authorities.
- Related living and boarding costs.

How to apply

Applicants must complete the Educational Scholarship Online Application Form and upload two signed letters of recommendation with the application from your referees. The referees should have direct knowledge of your educational ability, prospects and character. Individuals can be nominated for a scholarship by another person.

All successful applicants will be required to sign the Stand Like Stone Foundation Educational Scholarship Conditions and provide a report on the use of the funds.

Applications need to be completed online and submitted **by 5pm on the 30th November 2023**.

Late applications will not be accepted

Timeline

Key dates for scholarships are:

- 15 October Applications open
- 30 November Applications close
- December Interviews conducted (if required) and Scholarship offered
- February Scholarship awarded (subject to confirmation of placement in the relevant course)

Assessment process

Scholarship applications will be evaluated by an Educational Scholarship Advisory Committee who makes recommendations to the Board. The Board of Directors has final approval on the distribution of scholarships. To ensure that informed decisions are made, on occasions, applicants may be requested to provide further information.

All Applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application.

We will publicly inform the community about scholarship decisions on the website, www.standlikestone.com.au, in our e-newsletter and via a media release to local media outlets.

Scholarship payments and tax

Recipients of scholarships are strongly encouraged to seek their own advice from Centrelink, the Australian Taxation Office, or a financial adviser for assistance regarding their own financial situation.

Successful applicants will be required to provide proof that they are an Australian Citizen ie. Copy of birth certificate or passport and also proof of enrolment before scholarship payments can commence.

Scholarships and Deferral

Deferral of scholarships is not allowed. Recipients are required to re-apply in the following year.

Get support

We want to help! Our team are available to answer any queries before you submit your application.

We can offer you zoom meetings, in person meetings, ideas on successful previous applications and tips on how to write a successful scholarship application.

You can contact the Stand Like Stone office at info@standlikestone.com.au, or by calling 08 7701 9259 for support in applying for a scholarship.

