

1 SCHOLARSHIP SPONSOR



This Scholarship has been generously sponsored by Grant Woodhams MLA. Member for Moore.

The electorate of Moore is located in the Agricultural Region and includes the Shires of Carnamah, Chapman Valley, Chittering, Coorow, Dalwallinu, Dandaragan, Gingin, Irwin, Mingenew, Moora, Morawa, Mullewa, Northampton, Perenjori, Three Springs, Toodyay and Victoria Plains.

While housing, health and employment are major issues in the region; it is education and educational services that are most important to Grant. His major focus is to ensure that resources which are readily available for education in the metropolitan area are also available to areas of his electorate.

The aim of the Grant Woodhams MLA Scholarships is to encourage and support the involvement of local people in the courses offered through the Geraldton Universities Centre

2 SCHOLARSHIP VALUE:

1. Grant Woodhams MLA is offering one scholarship of \$1000.00 to be awarded to a new or continuing student undertaking an undergraduate degree at the GUC.

3 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

To be eligible for this award, applicants must:

1. Be a current resident of the electorate of Moore.
2. Be enrolled in an undergraduate course on a full-time/part-time basis through Geraldton Universities Centre.
3. Be an Australian citizen, New Zealand Citizen, holder of an Australian Permanent Humanitarian Visa or a Permanent Resident of Australia.

4 SELECTION CRITERIA:

Applicants will be assessed on the following criteria:

- 1 Academic achievement:
 - a. High level of academic achievement in gaining entry to the course (new student)
 - b. A course weighted average of 70 (continuing students)
- 2 Written statement (500 words max) outlining:
 - Personal benefits of being able to attend university in Geraldton rather than relocating to Perth
 - Commitment to completing a full degree
 - Personal benefit of receiving a scholarship and how such funds will be used
 - Desire to live, work and study in the Mid West
 - Willingness to be involved in promotional activities in relation to this scholarship, and to provide a written report to the GUC at the conclusion of the scholarship year.

- 3 Reference from teacher, principal, employer or other appropriate referee

5 SELECTION PROCESS:

1. Applications will be assessed on the information provided by the applicant and their referee. Those meeting the selection criteria may be short listed for interview.
2. A Selection Panel consisting of Grant Woodhams MLA, Geraldton Universities Centre and the Geraldton University Access Group will assess the applications.
3. Notwithstanding the guidelines outlined above, the Selection Panel reserves the right to award scholarships in whole or in part to whomever it considers the most deserving applicants.
4. Scholarships shall only be awarded where applications of sufficiently high merit are received.
5. All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence.
6. The decision of the Selection Panel will be final and binding.

6 APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Complete an application form, along with your statement addressing the eligibility and selection criteria.
2. Applications should be marked Confidential, and addressed to:

The Scholarship Program
Geraldton Universities Centre
Mail: PO Box 2779, GERALDTON WA 6531
Deliver: Geraldton Universities Centre, 33 Onslow Street, Geraldton.

Short listing and where necessary, interview of applicants will occur at a date to be advised.

7 CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS:

**Close of Business
5.00pm Friday 5th March 2010**

8 REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

1. Documentation to accompany the application:
 - a. Proof of Citizenship or visa status (Birth Certificate, Passport or Citizenship Certificate)
 - b. Reference and contact details of teacher, principal, employer or other appropriate referee
 - c. Applicant's supporting statement (refer Item 4.2).
 - d. Academic transcript from School, STAT, Bridging course, TAFE or University (as applicable).

NOTE: Documentation must be certified copies, not originals no other copies (including faxes) will be accepted. Original documents can be certified at the Geraldton Universities Centre

9 CONDITIONS OF AWARD:

- 1 The Scholarship will be administered by the Director of the Geraldton Universities Centre in consultation with Grant Woodhams MLA (herein referred to as Scholarship Administrators).
2. The award will be paid in one instalment
 - a. The successful applicant may choose to use the award towards HECS-HELP. If so they will be required to produce their HECS-HELP invoice in order to claim the funds.
 - b. The successful applicant may choose to use the award to purchase equipment or materials related to their study. If so, they will be required to produce invoices/receipts for the goods to be paid for or reimbursed
3. Payment of the award is subject to meeting satisfactory academic progress. Academic progress will be assessed on a regular basis during the scholarship year.
- 4 A recipient with unsatisfactory progress or who breaches the scholarship conditions shall be ineligible to retain the scholarship.
- 5 If a recipient needs to take leave of absence during the Scholarship year, the recipient must apply for and seek approval from the Scholarship Administrators to suspend the scholarship for the period of leave.
- 6 A recipient who withdraws from their course of study through the Geraldton Universities Centre will forfeit the scholarship and be required to repay the scholarship funds in full.
- 7 A recipient who transfers their course of study at the GUC to another University during the scholarship period will forfeit the scholarship and be required to repay the scholarship funds in full.
- 8 Unless there are exceptional circumstances students must:
 - a. Maintain the minimum study load of two units of study per semester.
 - b. Maintain a course weighted average of 70.00
 - c. Pass all units attempted
 - d. Remain on Good Standing for the duration of the studies
- 9 Determination of exceptional circumstances shall be at the discretion of the Scholarship Administrators.

10 NOTIFICATION:

- 1 All applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application once the decision has been finalised by the Scholarship Administrators
- 2 The successful applicant will be invited to attend a ceremony to receive their award and to give a short address to the attendees
- 3 The outcome of the Scholarship applications will be published on the GUC and Shire of Northampton Websites and in in-house publications of both organisations and in the local press.

11 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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Geraldton Universities Centre

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