

## GUIDELINES

Please read these guidelines carefully before completing the application form.

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### ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Deafness Forum determines conditions applying to the Scholarships.

The purpose is:

- to provide financial assistance to Deaf/hearing impaired people to facilitate and enhance their participation in *post secondary education* - in most cases in *Australian education settings*. Some consideration would be given to participation in overseas courses;
- to increase the number of Deaf/hearing impaired students attending post secondary education courses.
- to increase post secondary education opportunities for Deaf/hearing impaired students from rural or remote areas.
- to increase post secondary education opportunities for Deaf/hearing impaired students from the indigenous community.
- to increase post secondary education opportunities for Deaf/hearing impaired students from non-English speaking backgrounds.

The selection of Scholarship awardees is made by a Selection Panel appointed by the Board of Directors of the Deafness Forum.

Recipients of the Scholarship are known as '*Deafness Forum Educational Scholars*'.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants must be:

- Australian citizens or Australian permanent residents;
- turning 18 years of age in the year the scholarship is offered; with no fixed upper age limit but preference may be given to applicants under the age of 35;
- bona fide Deaf/hearing impaired persons with priority given to students with an educationally significant hearing impairment;
- able to demonstrate eligibility for admission to a recognised post secondary education course at a university, college of advanced education, college of TAFE, etc., or other such institution considered appropriate by the Selection Panel;
  - no minimum education qualification is required apart from those set by the institution;
  - a reasonable indication of likelihood of success should be established;
  - course/s may be undertaken in a full-time or part-time capacity;
- prepared to sign an undertaking to abide by the Conditions of the Scholarship;

## WHAT SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AVAILABLE?

- Up to five Scholarships will be available for support such as tuition, text materials or any other support considered necessary and approved by the Selection Panel for the Scholar(s) to successfully undertake an educational program. A maximum of \$8,000 will be available in total and no more than \$2,000 will be provided to any one Scholar. Support services such as interpreting, transcription typing and purchase of assistive listening devices or other services deemed the responsibility of the tertiary institution, under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992, will **NOT** be considered under this scholarship.
- Unless there are no applicants from a particular group, the successful applicants will include at least one from each of the following groups:
  - a rural or remote area,
  - a non-English speaking background,
  - an indigenous person,
  - the signing Deaf community, and
  - people with a hearing impairment.

## HONORARY ADVISERS

- Honorary Advisers, appointed by the Board of Deafness Forum, are to be thoroughly familiar with, and follow the Guidelines, and ensure the Scholar does likewise and understands and completes an Agreement.
- The role of Honorary Advisers is to ensure that the Conditions of the Scholarship are met and that money is properly expended.
- An initial meeting shall be held between the Adviser and the Scholar as soon as possible once the Scholarship is made:
  - to reach a clear understanding of the role of the Adviser
  - to establish processes and timeliness for completing reporting as required by the Deafness Forum
- The Adviser and Scholar are to meet at least 4 times a year to review and report via the quarterly report form on:
  - course progress
  - expenditure of the Scholarship money, and
  - to provide an opportunity for dialogue on any aspect relating to the Scholarship.

It is understood that the Scholar has access to the usual services of whichever institution he/she attends and if necessary the Adviser would direct the Scholar to such appropriate guidance and support. The role of the Adviser is limited to the description contained in this section of these Guidelines.

## CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS

- Each Scholarship initially will be for a period of 1 academic year. It may be extended for on-going support of a particular student upon consideration of a request made to Deafness Forum.
- A Scholar may re-apply in subsequent years.
- No Scholarship will be granted to one individual student for more than a total of 4 years.
- Applicants cannot be related to or be a member of the Selection Panel.
- A Scholar withdrawing from the approved study program must immediately notify both their Adviser and the Deafness Forum and return any funds not expended.
- Each Scholar will be required to enter into a written agreement to abide by the guidelines of the Scholarship
- Each Scholar must make him or herself available for a public presentation of the scholarship at an event to be arranged by Deafness Forum.
- The Selection Panel may withdraw a Scholarship if, in the opinion of that Panel and on the advice of the Adviser, the Scholar is no longer considered to fulfil Scholarship requirements. A right of appeal shall exist to the Selection Panel at which time the Scholar would be required to show cause why the Scholarship should not be withdrawn.
- Payment of amounts due under the terms of the Scholarship shall be made only upon receipt of claims on the official Deafness Forum Reimbursement Claim Forms which will be provided.
- Progress and final reports must be submitted by the Scholar and their Adviser at the conclusion of the year's study.



# DEAFNESS FORUM EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2004

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## APPLICATION FORM

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2003**

This application form can be completed in writing or provided on videotape in Auslan. **All questions must be answered** and supporting documentation provided in order to be considered eligible for consideration.

### 1. Applicant Details

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Contact Information

TTY: \_\_\_\_\_ Voice: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Eligibility Criteria

• Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be over 18 years prior to end of 2003)

• I am an Australian Citizen yes      no

• I am a permanent resident of Australia yes      no

• I am: (please tick all appropriate boxes)

- signing Deaf
- hearing impaired/oral deaf
- from a rural or remote area
- an indigenous person
- from a non-English speaking background (please provide details here)

• My hearing loss is:

RIGHT		LEFT	
profound	<input type="checkbox"/>	profound	<input type="checkbox"/>
severe	<input type="checkbox"/>	severe	<input type="checkbox"/>
moderate	<input type="checkbox"/>	moderate	<input type="checkbox"/>
cochlear implant	<input type="checkbox"/>	cochlear implant	<input type="checkbox"/>

• I can provide supporting documentation on all of the above information if required. yes      no

• My preferred communication is:

- Auslan
- Oral
- Signed English

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. Educational Background

##### Previous Education

	from	to
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

##### Post Secondary Education

I am a:

- New student

If you have not yet been accepted into a post secondary institution, provide **one** of the following documents:

- a) copy of your application form to the post secondary institute;
- b) copy of Final Year school results or preliminary results; or
- c) copy of previous post-secondary Scholarship.

- Re-enrolling student

If you are re-enrolling into a course, please provide **one** of the following documents:

- a) copy of most recent results
- b) copy of next year's timetable

#### 5. Course Details

Course Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Education Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Length of Course: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the Course Components/ Units to be taken next year.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Funding Use

Funding is sought for the following:

- tuition  \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - text books  \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - accommodation  \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - computer software  \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - course materials  \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - other \*  \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- (please specify below)

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**\* PLEASE NOTE:** Services such as Sign Language Interpreting, note taking, transcription typing, the purchase of assistive listening devices and captioned course videos or other services deemed the responsibility of the tertiary institution under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992, will NOT be considered under this Scholarship.

## 7. Other Funding Sources

Please indicate any other sources of funding which have been applied for and which may be used at the same time as the scholarship if granted.

Year	Source Of Funding	Type Of Support	Amount	Successful	Unsuccessful (Reason Given)

## 8. Supporting Statements

Responses to the following questions will be taken into consideration by the Selection Panel in recommending Scholarships to the Board of Deafness Forum.

a) I would be a worthy recipient of a Deafness Forum Educational Scholarship because

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b) In 5 years time I (professionally) hope to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c) My major achievements in the past have been \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**9. References**

Please attach two written references. One of these referees must have been involved in the applicant's previous education. Please provide the phone numbers for the referees so that the Selection Panel can make contact and discuss the reference if necessary.

	work	home
Name 1: _____	TTY _____	_____
	Voice _____	_____
	Fax _____	_____
Name 2: _____	TTY _____	_____
	Voice _____	_____
	Fax _____	_____

**Thank you.**

**Please make sure that you have provided all supporting documents with your application.**

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**Return completed application form to:**

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