



The Order of Australia Association Foundation

INFORMATION FOR DONORS





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Investing in Future Leaders

The Order of Australia Association Foundation is supporting the next generation of leaders by helping promising young Australians to achieve their potential for the benefit of future generations of Australians.

Every year the Foundation provides Scholarships with Australian Universities for young students in their early years of tertiary study. The Foundation is seeking donors for the funding of individual Scholarships.

The Scholarships

The Scholarships have two significant features.

Recipients receive:

- A Scholarship of \$40,000 which is tailored to the Awardee's individual needs to include tuition fees, living allowance, textbooks and equipment; and
- An introduction to, and a personal mentoring relationship with, a volunteer mentor who has received an Award in the Order of Australia and is eminent in the chosen field of study of the Awardee.

Selection of Scholarship Awardees

Every year the Foundation, in consultation with the generous donors who have provided the funding for individual Scholarships, offers Scholarships to the selected Universities. The Universities then call for applications for the Awards. The selection of Scholarship Awardees is guided by an independent National Selection Panel consisting of Professors from the Universities designated for the Awards and three Board Directors.

To be eligible for the Scholarship, the applicant must:

- be currently enrolled in their first University Degree(s) and in their second year of study at one of the University's campuses;
- be an Australian citizen aged in their twenties but, in exceptional circumstances, some may be considered up to their early 30's;
- have demonstrated high academic achievement in their studies;
- be a full-time student and expect to proceed to complete their course by full-time study;

- have demonstrated qualities of leadership, initiative and involvement in community affairs; and,
- be able to demonstrate their need for financial assistance to benefit the completion of their course of study.

The Foundation has so far awarded 49 Scholarships to undergraduates in all States and Territories.

Two of our Awardee's have since received Rhodes Scholarships and another was a Rhodes Scholarship finalist and won a prestigious John Monash Scholarship.

Presentation of Scholarship Awards

The Scholarship Award Certificates are presented every year by the Governor-General or representative, at an Awards Ceremony associated with the Association's Annual Conference Dinner. The Awardee's immediate next-of-kin together with their Scholarship Donors and Mentors are invited to the Awards Ceremony.

Funding the Scholarships

Donations received from Association members and the community, together with testamentary bequests, are a prime source of funding for the Foundation. Donations are also accumulated in the General Fund, with the aim being to reach \$5 million. In this way, Scholarships will be more able to be funded in perpetuity.

Branches have recently undertaken to donate to a Branch Consolidated account, to raise \$45,000 to fund a full Scholarship, to be presented at the next Association National Conference Dinner.

The University and the Course are determined by the Foundation, in conjunction with the Branch. All donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

Donors of Scholarships

Those Donors wishing to underwrite the whole cost of a Scholarship are invited to donate a total of \$45,000, which includes the naming of the Scholarship, which appears on the Scholarship Certificate, and carries the signature of the Governor-General or representative. The Scholarship donor will be invited to be made a Fellow of the Foundation.

The Foundation, in consultation with the Donor of each Scholarship, selects the tertiary institution and course of study for the Scholarship Award.

Further Information

For further information regarding the Foundation's Scholarships please contact:

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About the Foundation

The Foundation was formed on 29 April 1999 pursuant to a Deed of Trust settled by five Founders, being former Presidents of the Association, namely Rt Hon Sir Zelman Cowen PC, AK, GCMG, GCVO, KStJ; Hon Sir Charles Court AK, KCMG, OBE; Sir Eric Neal AC, CVO; Sir James Gobbo AC, CVO; and General Sir Phillip Bennett AC, KBE, DSO, KStJ, who were desirous of establishing a Foundation via a Public Trust Fund for certain public charitable purposes. The Foundation is a separate entity from the Association and offers donors tax deductibility for their donations.

The present Patron of the Foundation is His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.

A former Patron of the Foundation, the Honourable Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO, congratulated the past Presidents of the Association for their foresight in setting up the Foundation. She also commended the work of the former Chairman of the Foundation, Mr Hugh Morgan AC, and his Board of Directors together with the generosity of donors and wished them well in continuing to provide the high standard of Scholarships for the benefit of Australia.

Foundation Awardees

The Foundation has, so far, awarded 49 Scholarships to undergraduates covering all States and Territories and further Scholarships are planned. Many graduates have now carved out significant careers, have experienced overseas job and volunteer positions in many countries in the world, have worked in remote Australian communities (including Antarctica and Indian Ocean Islands), have been at the forefront of medical, engineering, and business research, Graphic Design, Cultural Materials Conservation, Viticulture and Oenology, Animal Technology, Science, Teaching, Law and Pharmacology. These hard-working, inspiring Awardees are now putting effort into sustaining and enhancing the communities in which they live. We congratulate them.

Awardee Reflections on an Order of Australia Association Foundation Scholarship

The Mentor Programme

“I perceive this to be an invaluable, life-changing opportunity to learn from an Order member’s unique experiences...” (2018)

“For the first time in my life I felt I was someone...” (2011)

“My mentor understood that the vocational nature of medicine was best supported by the Scholarship being able to reduce other stressors such as rent and cost of living, allowing me to focus on my studies.” (2004)

The Scholarship

“This is not just an honour, it is a privilege.” (2016)

“This Scholarship has provided me with priceless resources that will allow me to explore my interests and career in a well-informed and directed manner.” (2016)

“...I applaud what these Scholarships have to offer and that is building and supporting the next generation of leaders.” (2016)

“Looking back on my educational journey to date, it has not been an easy road...” “I hope that this award will also inspire students that I work with to realise that they are capable of so many great things, despite the many hardships they may have faced.” (2018)

Ways of donating to a Scholarship

The Association Scholarship

Any Donor wishing to receive a tax deduction for their contribution, must go through the Foundation.

Payments go into a consolidated account but the Donor can seek to have the funds deemed to be made to recognise the branch of the Association of their choice. That wish will be administered by the Foundation and annually confirmed with the Association.

Branches and individual members may donate into a consolidated account which, when it reaches the Scholarship funding level (\$45,000) will allow the awarding of a Foundation Association Scholarship. The Foundation will liaise with the Association regarding the choice of University and course.

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Foundation Named \$45,000 Scholarship

A Scholarship to be named with the specific Donor's name ie individual, Foundation or Organisation name.

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A receipt for all donations will be issued by the Foundation.
Any enquiries with respect to donation receipts can be directed to sec@oaafoundation.com.au



