



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.

The Foundation is seeking donors for funding individual Scholarships or to build the Foundation's corpus.

Every year the Foundation provides Scholarships to young students in their second year of tertiary study who are exceptional in their field of study, who have given back to the community, and who can benefit from the financial support provided by the Scholarship. This is done through nominated specific Universities and disciplines.

The Scholarships

The Scholarships have two significant features.

Recipients receive:

- A Scholarship of \$45,000 (paid in two equal instalments) 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 who is eminent in the chosen field of study of the Awardee.

Selection of Scholarship Awardees

Each year the Foundation, in consultation with the generous donors who have provided the funding for individual Scholarships, offers Scholarships via the selected Universities and disciplines. The Universities then call for applications for the Awards. The selection of Scholarship Awardees is guided by a Selection Panel consisting of Professors from each University designated for the Awards and up to three Foundation Board Directors.

To be eligible for the Scholarship, the applicant must:

Fundamental Criteria:

- Be currently enrolled in their first University Degree(s): this means that they should not have completed a prior University degree.
- Studying full-time: This means that they should have been enrolled in a full workload for the entirety of their degree.
- In their second year of study: This means that they should be in their second year of enrolment in their chosen degree.
- Be an Australian citizenship: This means that they should have Australian citizen by birth or naturalisation.
- Be over 18 or in their 20's. In exceptional circumstances, some may be considered up to their early 30's.

Differential Criteria:

- Have demonstrated high academic achievement in their studies, particularly at University.
- Have demonstrated qualities of leadership, initiative and involvement in community affairs, both at University and during their high school years.
- Articulate how they intend to use their degree and/or community involvement to benefit Australia in the future.
- Be able to demonstrate their need for financial assistance to benefit from the completion of their course of study.
- Be able to articulate how they would benefit from a mentor who has received an award within the Order of Australia.

The Foundation has so far awarded 66 Scholarships to undergraduates in all States and Territories.

Two Awardees have since received Rhodes Scholarships and another was a Rhodes Scholarship finalist and won a prestigious John Monash Scholarship.

Announcement of Scholarship Awards

All Scholarships are announced at the same time after advice to the Governor-General. The announcement is preceded by a Round Table with the Governor-General with the Awardees. Media is also invited.

Presentation of Scholarship Awards

The Scholarship Award Certificates are presented every year by the Governor-General or a representative, at an Awards Ceremony associated with the Gala Dinner at the Order of Australia Association's Annual Conference. The Awardee's immediate next-of-kin, together with their Scholarship Donors and Mentors, and a senior individual from the relevant University, 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 at least \$10 million. In this way, Scholarships will be more able to be funded in perpetuity.

Order of Australia Branches have recently undertaken to donate to a Branch Consolidated account, to raise \$50,000 to fund a full Scholarship, to be presented at the next Association National Conference Dinner. The extra \$5,000 (over the \$45,000 paid to the Awardee) is used to fund Awardees' travel arrangements in association with the announcement and presentation of the Award.

The University and the Course are determined by the Foundation, in conjunction with the relevant Donor. 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 \$50,000, which includes the naming of the Scholarship, which appears on the Scholarship Certificate, and carries the signature of the Governor-General or representative, as well as the University Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman of the Order of Australia Association Foundation.

The Foundation, after 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 the 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. They wanted to establish a Foundation via a Public Trust Fund for specified public charitable purposes. The Foundation is a separate entity from the Association and offers donors tax deductibility for donations.

Foundation Awardees

The Foundation has, so far, awarded 66 Scholarships to undergraduates covering all States and Territories. 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, inspirational Awardees are now putting effort into sustaining and enhancing the communities in which they live.

Awardee Reflections on an Order of Australia Association Foundation Scholarship

Quotes by Former Scholarship Award Recipients

“It was an honour to receive this scholarship. I have been able to pursue opportunities I never thought would be possible during my university studies”.
(Alexis Bocking, 2021).

“This scholarship has been truly life-changing and has given me a huge helping hand in helping me reach my potential”.
(Alex Nair, 2022).

“I am extremely grateful for all the support I have received and am looking towards the day I am able to pay forward such generosity”.
(Amy Martin, 2022).

“The financial assistance from the scholarship has had a significant influence in my life where I have been given the opportunity to immerse myself within my studies, while working and volunteering in meaningful ways which align with my career ambition”.
(Luke Barron, 2023).

“The invaluable mentorship has provided me with motivation, inspiration and support to continue pursuing my field of interest”.
(Lotte George, 2023).

“The scholarship has been life-changing, further encouraging me to continue my effort in the community and in academia by studying law’.
(Hukam Kohli, 2023).

Ways of donating to a Scholarship

The Order of Australia Association Foundation 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 relevant Branch of the Association.

Branches and individuals may donate into a consolidated account which, when it reaches the Scholarship funding level (\$50,000) will allow the awarding of a Foundation Association Scholarship.

The Foundation will consult with the Donor regarding the choice of University and course.

These donations to the Foundation attract DGR tax deductibility.

Name of Account: The Order of Australia Association Foundation Ltd Gift Account

BSB Number: 013 006

Account Number: 314 735 771

A receipt for all donations will be issued. To enable a Tax Receipt to be provided, please email details of your EFT transfer, including name for Tax Receipt to: sec@oaafoundation.com.au

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Foundation Named \$50,000 Scholarship

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

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