

The Presbyterian and Methodist Schools Association (PMSA) each year offers a limited number of Teacher Education Scholarships each worth \$2,000 per annum for up to four years of study to suitable current and past students of PMSA schools students entering an undergraduate teacher education degree. The scholarships aim to:

- foster a respect for the importance of teaching as a profession;
- foster Christian faith and values in schools and encourage future teachers who hold Christian beliefs and values; and
- assist aspiring teachers of Christian conviction to complete an approved teacher education program to enable them to make a difference in the schools they serve.

The PMSA Teacher Education Scholarships are intended to help develop a group of suitably qualified Christian teachers who aspire to both serve in PMSA schools and gain valuable teaching experience in other educational settings.

## Eligibility

To be eligible, an applicant must:

- either be a current student of a PMSA school, or have attended a PMSA school in past last two years, and have attended the PMSA school for at least two years;
- be a permanent Australian resident student; and
- be accepted, or will be accepted, to commence a full-time undergraduate teacher education degree in the next calendar year or be currently enrolled in such a course.

## Criteria

Applicants will be assessed on the following criteria:

1. Demonstration of active membership of a Christian church, engagement in Christian faith, life and service, active involvement in their school's Christian service activities and modelling of the Christian ethos of their school.
2. Contribution to their PMSA school and demonstration of the PMSA values (relationships, excellence, care, ethics, personal development and celebration).
3. Overall academic performance and suitable for the profession of teaching.
4. Commitment to personal learning and to the education and development of young people through the teaching profession.

## Conditions

1. Each scholarship is for \$2,000 per annum in 2020, which will be adjusted annually by the Australian Consumer Price Index increase. A scholarship may be offered for up to four years.
2. Scholars must maintain a full-time study load in each semester, in the approved course. Any variation in enrolment from the approved course must be approved by the PMSA, prior to any change, for eligibility to continue. Approval will depend on evidence (eg: Dean's advice) that the course continues to meet the intention of the scholarship to foster Christian teachers in the education for that profession.

3. The scholarship is paid in semester instalments at the start of each semester, on receipt of evidence of acceptance into and enrolment in an approved full-time undergraduate teacher education degree at an Australian University or Teachers Training College.
4. A semester's scholarship payment is repayable if the student fails to continue with enrolment in the approved course for that semester.
5. Payment of subsequent instalments is dependent on evidence of successful completion of the previous semester's course of study. A scholarship may be suspended if a scholar fails to successfully complete a semester's study (ie: subject grades at or above a pass or equivalent level). The scholarship may then be restored for subsequent semesters, if the scholar demonstrates a return to satisfactory performance.
6. Scholars are to meet with the PMSA's representative at least once per semester, and provide evidence of academic progress at the end of each semester.
7. The scholarship is provided at the discretion of the PMSA, which reserves the right to determine any factors affecting the continuation or suspension of the scholarship and eligibility for the scholarship.
8. The PMSA does not guarantee employment on completion of the scholar's tertiary study.

## Timeline

The timeline for the selection of scholarships for 2020 is as follows:

<b>Monday</b> <b>2 September 2019</b>	<b>Scholarships advertised</b> Information will be disseminated in school newsletters and intranets, and via class and year level announcements. Application forms and information will be available on the PMSA and school websites.
<b>Friday</b> <b>18 October 2019</b>	<b>Applications close</b> Applications must be received by the PMSA by close of business.
<b>Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November 2019</b>	<b>Selection Panel meetings and interviews</b> The Selection Panel (three persons appointed by the PMSA) will meet with short-listed candidates.
<b>Friday</b> <b>22 November 2019</b>	<b>Scholarships offered to successful applicants</b> First round of conditional offers of scholarships for entry to university in Semester 1, 2020 will be made to successful applicants. Subsequent offers may occur in the November-December 2019 period.
<b>January 2020</b>	<b>Announcement of scholars</b> Once scholars have received confirmed tertiary entry places, offers are confirmed through a letter outlining the scholarship.
<b>February 2020</b>	<b>Enrolment and Awards</b> Once enrolment is confirmed, the first semester's scholarship payment will be made. Scholars will be invited to attend an appropriate award ceremony in their school and to meet with representatives of the PMSA early in the academic year.

## Application Form

I ..... make application for a PMSA Teacher Education Scholarship and confirm that to the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided in support of my application is accurate and true. I agree to the terms of the scholarship and I have the support of my parent(s)/guardian in making this application. I understand that the award of a scholarship is on a competitive basis and the decision of the PMSA is final. I authorise the PMSA to use the information provided in this application and to obtain further information regarding my application from my school. I authorise the PMSA to provide my personal details to my school, to the educational institution(s) listed below and to the relevant tertiary admission centre(s) insofar as is necessary to confirm my enrolment. If successful, I authorise the PMSA to publicise my name and photograph in school and PMSA publicity and communication.

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(Signature of Applicant)

Date .....

I/We, the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of the applicant endorse and support this application for a PMSA Teacher Education Scholarship. We authorise the PMSA to provide information to, or seek further information from, the schools, tertiary institutions and tertiary admission centre(s) for the purposes of verifying the accuracy of information relating to this application.

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(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

Date .....

### PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: .....  
(Title eg: Mr, Ms) (Given name) (Family name)

Home address: .....  
.....P/code.....

Email .....

Telephone home: ..... Mobile: .....

Citizenship/ Residency status (please tick) Australian citizen  Permanent resident

PMSA School: ..... Years enrolled: .....

## REQUIRED INFORMATION

Please attach the following documents and information:

- A brief statement (no more than 500 words) on:
  - how you meet the selection criteria.
  - how this scholarship would assist you to achieve your aspirations as a teacher. Please also comment on your intended field of study and preferred academic institution (or QTAC preferences).
  - any other factors about you and your interests/ experiences (e.g. relevant studies or accomplishments of note) that you believe the Selection Panel should consider in awarding a scholarship.
- Copies of your school reports for Years 10, 11 and 12 (i.e. Semester 1 report for Year 12)
- Copy of current tertiary enrolment information (former students only)
- Supporting statement from your School Principal
- Supporting statement from your School Chaplain and/or local Pastor

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Forward your application (marked confidential) by the due date to:

Attn: Group Executive – Human Resources  
PMSA  
PO Box 298  
Toowong 4066

Or by email to:  
[info@pmsa-schools.edu.au](mailto:info@pmsa-schools.edu.au)

## QUESTIONS?

For more information, please contact your school's careers counsellor in the first instance. Other applicants may contact the PMSA Group Office on (07) 3371 0709 or email [info@pmsa-schools.edu.au](mailto:info@pmsa-schools.edu.au).