



## COUNTRY HIGH SCHOOL HOSTELS AUTHORITY

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# BOARDING SCHOLARSHIPS 2012

## INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

### PURPOSE

The Country High School Hostels Authority will offer ten (10) Boarding Scholarships each year to school students committed to a teaching career in rural and remote public schools. The Scholarship will provide the recipient with:

- Up to \$2,000 per year reduction on the cost of board and accommodation at a residential college for up to two years, and
- An offer of employment in a country school from the Department of Education upon obtaining an appropriate teaching qualification.

### NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Ten scholarships will be offered to students commencing Year 11 or Year 12 studies in 2012. The yearly allocation of scholarships to residential colleges will be determined by the Authority and will be subject to a vacancy being available at the residential college of choice.

In 2012 Scholarships will be available at the following residential colleges: Albany, Broome, City Beach, Esperance, Geraldton, Merredin, Moora, Narrogin, or Northam.

### SELECTION

1. Scholarship applicants must be enrolled at one of our partner schools.
2. Applicants must be commencing Year 11 or Year 12 studies in 2012.
3. Applicants must be willing to commence their teaching career in a Western Australian rural or remote public school on the completion of their teaching qualification.
4. Parents must agree to pay the \$1,000 Bond.
5. Selection will be based on:
  - previous school reports
  - referee reports from the student's teacher and school principal
  - evidence of the student's commitment to commencing their teaching career in a rural or remote public school
  - evidence of the student's suitability to enter the teaching profession.

The four-member selection panel will be chaired by the Director of the Country High School Hostels Authority and representatives of the Country High School Hostels Authority, a residential college and the Department of Education.

Selection of applicants will take place as soon as possible after the closing date for applications and successful applicants will be advised as soon as possible after the selection process.

**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Parents/guardians of Scholarship recipients will be required to sign an undertaking to abide by the conditions of the Scholarship.

Parents of Scholarship recipients will need to agree to pay a \$1,000 bond to the Authority which may be payable in four equal instalments during the first year of the Scholarship. The bond will be held in an interest bearing trust account during the period of the Scholarship. The bond and any accrued interest will be returned to the parents when the student takes up a country teaching position.

The bond will be forfeited should the student fail to complete their secondary schooling, fail to meet the entrance requirements into an appropriate undergraduate course or fail to take up a country teaching position within 5 (five) years of completing their secondary schooling.

**STUDENT PROGRESS**

Scholarship recipients are required to provide to the Authority a copy of their school reports at the end of Years 11 and 12 and a copy of their TEE and TER results on completion of their secondary schooling. Scholarship recipients are required to keep the Authority informed at all times of any changes to their contact details or academic progress during the period of the Scholarship. Scholarship recipients must provide a copy of the official statement of completion of their teaching qualification to the Authority on graduation from university.

**EMPLOYMENT**

On graduation, Scholarship recipients will receive an offer of employment from the Department of Education to a public school in a rural area near to the family home, or other rural location acceptable to both the Department of Education and the Scholarship recipient.

**VALUE**

Each Scholarship will be valued up to \$2,000 per year reduction on the cost of board and accommodation at a residential college for up to two years.

**PROMOTION AND APPLICATIONS**

The Scholarships will be promoted in the press as appropriate and/or by mail-out to schools, parents of residential college students, and recipients of the State Boarding Away from Home Allowance and members of the Isolated Children's Parents' Association.

**Students will apply for the 2012 Scholarships by returning completed scholarship application and referee forms to the Country High School Hostels Authority by 30 November 2011.**