

BEN KNIGHT EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS 2012

SCHOLARSHIP SPONSOR

This Scholarship has been generously sponsored by Ben Knight, a 2008 Bachelor of Education (Primary) graduate.

The aim of the Ben Knight Scholarships is to encourage and support the participation of males in undergraduate education courses offered through the Geraldton Universities Centre.

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE:

Ben Knight is offering one scholarship of \$500.00 to be awarded to a new or continuing male student undertaking an undergraduate Education degree at the GUC.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

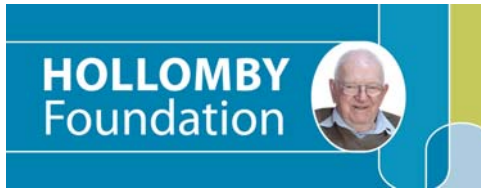
To be eligible for this award, applicants must:

- 1 Be a male resident in regional WA.
- 2 Be enrolled in the Bachelor of Education on a full-time or part-time basis through Geraldton Universities Centre.
- 3 Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Applicants will be assessed on the following criteria:

- 1 Academic achievement: Meeting the minimum entrance score to be offered a place in the Bachelor of Education or maintaining Good Standing with the delivering university.
- 2 Written statement (500 words max) outlining:
 - Personal benefits of being able to attend university in Geraldton rather than relocating to Perth.
 - Commitment to completing the full degree.
 - Personal benefit of receiving a scholarship and how such funds will be used.
 - Desire to live, work and study in the Mid West.
 - Willingness to be involved in promotional activities in relation to this scholarship.
- 3 Reference from teacher, principal, employer or other appropriate referee.



SELECTION PROCESS:

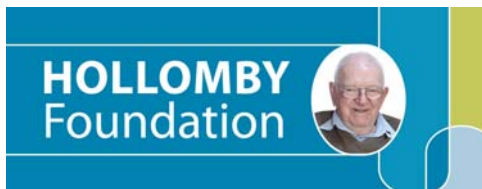
1. Applications will be assessed on the information provided by the applicant and their referee. Those meeting the selection criteria may be short listed for interview.
2. A Selection Panel consisting of representatives from the Hollomby Foundation and the Geraldton Universities Centre will assess the applications.
3. Notwithstanding the guidelines outlined above, the Selection Panel reserves the right to award scholarships in whole or in part to whomever it considers the most deserving applicants
4. Scholarships shall only be awarded where applications of sufficiently high merit are received.
5. All applications will be treated in strictest confidence.
6. The decision of the Selection Panel will be final and binding.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Complete the application form, along with your statement addressing the eligibility and selection criteria.
2. Applications should be marked Confidential, and addressed to:
The Scholarship Program
Geraldton Universities Centre
Mail: PO Box 2779, GERALDTON WA 6531
Deliver: Geraldton Universities Centre, 33 Onslow Street, Geraldton.
3. Short listing and where necessary, interview of applicants will occur at a date to be advised.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS:

**Close of Business
Friday 2nd March 20**



REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

Documentation to accompany the application:

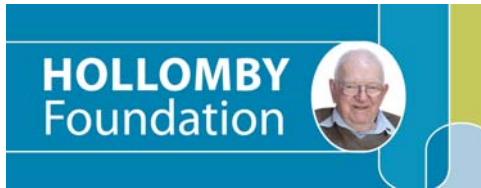
- a. Proof of Citizenship (Birth Certificate, Passport or Citizenship Certificate)
- b. Reference and contact details of teacher, principal, employer or other appropriate referee
- c. Applicant's supporting statement
- d. Academic results from School, STAT, Bridging course, TAFE, University and /or offer of enrolment from the delivering University (as applicable).

NOTE: Documentation must be certified copies. Original documents can be certified at the Geraldton Universities Centre

Contact Natalie Nelmes at GUC on 9920 4403 or natalien@guc.edu.au with any queries when compiling your application.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD:

1. The Scholarships will be administered by the Director of the Geraldton Universities Centre in consultation with Ben Knight (herein referred to as Scholarship Administrators).
2. The award will be paid in one instalments at or after the census date in first semester:
 - a. The successful applicant may choose to use the award towards HECS-HELP. If so they will be required to produce their HECS-HELP invoice in order to claim the funds.
 - b. The successful applicant may choose to use the award to purchase equipment or materials related to their study. If so, they will be required to produce invoices/receipts for the goods to be paid for or reimbursed
3. Payment of the Award is subject to maintaining Good Standing with the delivering university.
4. A recipient with unsatisfactory progress or who breaches the scholarship conditions shall be ineligible to retain the scholarship.
5. If a recipient needs to take leave of absence during the Scholarship year, the recipient must apply for and seek approval from the Scholarship Administrators to suspend the scholarship for the period of leave.



6. A recipient who withdraws from their course of study through the GUC during the year of the Scholarship will forfeit the scholarship and be required to repay the scholarship funds in full.
7. A recipient who transfers from their course of study at the GUC to another university during the scholarship period will forfeit the scholarship and be required to repay the scholarship funds in full.
8. Unless there are exceptional circumstances students must remain on Good Standing for the duration of the studies.
9. Determination of exceptional circumstances shall be at the discretion of the Scholarship Administrators.

NOTIFICATION:

All applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application once the decision has been finalised by the Scholarship Administrators.