

MEMBER FOR GERALDTON IAN BLAYNEY MLA SCHOLARSHIP 2012

SCHOLARSHIP SPONSOR

This Scholarship has been generously sponsored by the Member for Geraldton Ian Blayney.

Ian works with other regional Members of the Liberal Party to ensure that the Government continues to strive to further develop the regions, providing the right sort of support for people who live and work in the country. Ian supports the need for the local community to have access to a quality education, a first-class health system and important infrastructure such as roads and public transport. Ian works together with the people of Geraldton to build a better future for our local businesses and families.

The aim of the Ian Blayney MLA Scholarship is to encourage and support the involvement of local people in the courses offered through the Geraldton Universities Centre

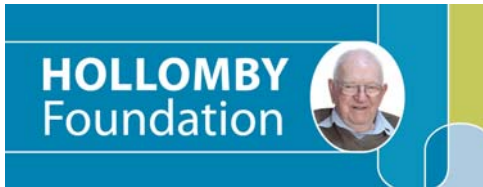
SCHOLARSHIP VALUE:

- 1 Ian Blayney MLA is offering one scholarship of \$1,000 to a student undertaking an Undergraduate Degree at the GUC in 2012.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

To be eligible for this award, applicants must:

- 1 Be a resident in regional WA.
- 2 Be enrolled in an undergraduate course on a full-time basis through Geraldton Universities Centre.
- 3 Be an Australian citizen.



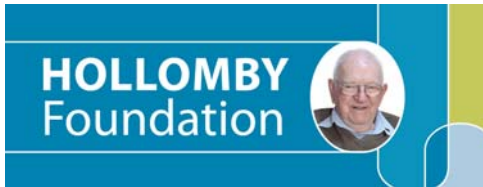
SELECTION CRITERIA:

Applicants will be assessed on the following criteria:

- 1 Academic achievement: Satisfactory entrance score 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 a 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:

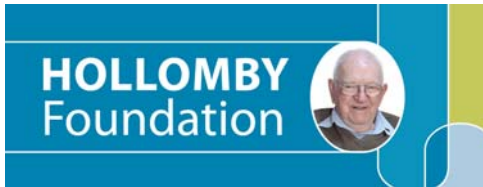
**Close of Business
Friday 2nd March 2012**

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

- 1 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 or 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 as the Scholarship Administrators.
- 2 The award will be paid at the end of the first semester of the scholarship year after evidence of re-enrolment for second semester.
- 3 Payment of the Award is subject to meeting satisfactory academic progress. Academic progress will be assessed at the end of semester one of the scholarship year.
- 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:
 - a. Maintain a full-time study load (as determined by the parent University)
 - b. 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:

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