

## **SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON SCHOLARSHIP 2012**

### **SCHOLARSHIP SPONSOR**

This Scholarship has been generously sponsored by the Shire of Northampton.

The Shire of Northampton is situated 474 kilometres north of Perth and 52 kilometres north of Geraldton. The Northampton/Horrocks Beach/Port Gregory/Kalbarri area is steeped in historical significance – from Aboriginal cave paintings on the Bowes River Road to the various buildings constructed by convicts in the 19th century.

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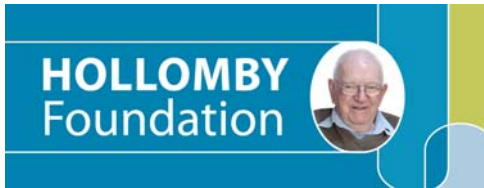
### **SCHOLARSHIP VALUE:**

The Shire of Northampton is offering one scholarship of \$2,000 to be awarded to a new or continuing student undertaking an undergraduate degree at the GUC in 2012.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

To be eligible for this award, applicants must:

- 1 Be a resident of the Shire of Northampton.
- 2 Be enrolled in an undergraduate course on a full or part time basis through Geraldton Universities Centre.
- 3 Be an Australian citizen or a Permanent Resident of Australia.



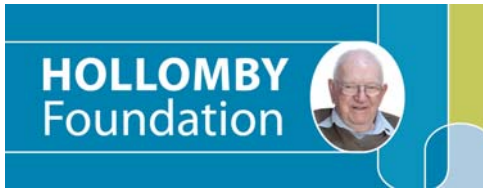
### **SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Applicants will be assessed on the following criteria:

- 1 Academic achievement:
  - a. High level of academic achievement in gaining entry to the course (new student)
  - b. A course weighted average of 65 or above (continuing students)
- 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 of the Shire of Northampton 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, not originals no other copies (including faxes) will be accepted. Original documents can be certified at the Geraldton Universities Centre

**Contact Natalie Nelmes at GUC on 9920 4403 or [natalien@guc.edu.au](mailto: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 the Shire of Northampton selection panel member (herein referred to as Scholarship Administrators).
- 2 The award will be paid at the end of the first semester of the scholarship year:
  - 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. HECS-HELP invoices are distributed by Universities at the beginning of each semester.
  - 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 through the Scholarship
- 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. Maintain a course weighted average of 65
  - c. 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.