

## GRANT WOODHAMS MLA ENTRY LEVEL SCHOLARSHIP 2012

### SCHOLARSHIP SPONSOR

This Scholarship has been generously sponsored by Grant Woodhams MLA, Member for Moore.

The electorate of Moore is located in the Agricultural Region and includes the Shires of Carnamah, Chapman Valley, Chittering, Coorow, Dalwallinu, Dandaragan, Gingin, Irwin, Mingenew, Moora, Morawa, Mullewa, Northampton, Perenjori, Three Springs, Toodyay and Victoria Plains.

While housing, health and employment are major issues in the region; it is education and educational services that are most important to Grant. His major focus is to ensure that resources which are readily available for education in the metropolitan area are also available to areas of his electorate.

**The aim of the Grant Woodhams MLA School Leaver Scholarship is to encourage and support the involvement of local people in the courses offered through the Geraldton Universities Centre**

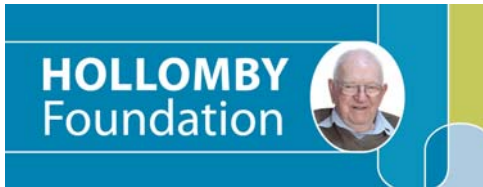
### SCHOLARSHIP VALUE:

Mr Woodhams is providing one scholarship of \$1,000 for a recent school leaver (under the age of 20) who has completed Yr 12 and gained entrance to a GUC course either through an ATAR, University Preparation Course or a Durack Institute Pathway, with preference given to students who have obtained entrance through a local school (schools in the Geraldton and Moore electorates) or institution.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

To be eligible for this award, applicants must:

- 1 Be an Australian citizen or a Permanent Resident of Australia.
- 2 Have selected a course being offered at the GUC to undertake an undergraduate degree.
- 3 Be undertaking full time study in the first year of the undergraduate degree in 2012.
- 4 Be residing in the Mid West region of Western Australia.



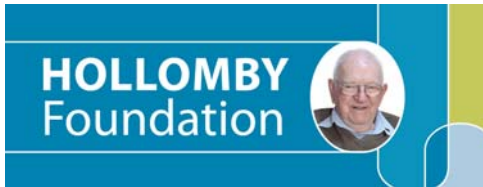
### **SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Applicants will be assessed on the following criteria:

- 1 Academic achievement: High level of academic achievement in gaining entry to the course
- 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 Grant Woodhams MLA (or his representative) 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:  
Hollomby Foundation 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:**

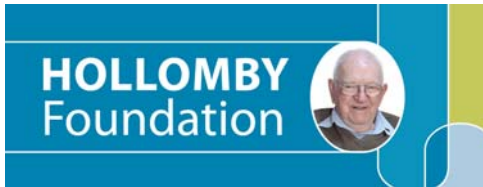
**Close of Business  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012**

#### **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. Year 12 Report, WACE/ATAR, UPC or Durack academic statement
  - e. Proof of enrolment in GUC course for 2012

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](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 Grant Woodhams MLA (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
  - 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.