



PARRAMATTA CITY COUNCIL

LORD MAYOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2015 PROGRAM GUIDELINES



I am proud to present the Lord Mayor Scholarship Program, to support the educational opportunities of Parramatta's future leaders.

This scholarship program is an investment designed to support individuals who are motivated to seek tertiary study and need financial support, but may not have exceptional grades. At Parramatta City Council, we know that education can be a door to a brighter future. Our desire is that the 2015 Lord Mayor Scholarship Program opens the door for sixteen people, creating greater opportunities for the recipients to learn and for the community as a whole.

We look forward to receiving your application!

COUNCILLOR SCOTT LLOYD
Lord Mayor

1. Purpose of the Program

The Lord Mayor Scholarship Program is an annual award that has been developed in recognition of the importance of the next generation of leaders for the future growth and development of Parramatta. The program rewards and encourages the professional development of the City's future leaders.

The Lord Mayor Scholarship Program supports and contributes to the objectives outlined in Council's Community Strategic Plan, *Parramatta 2038*, which was adopted in June 2013. Specifically, it links to the 'Learning and Individual Development' strategy that seeks to support our residents with opportunities to complete tertiary study locally.

2. Aim of the Program

The Lord Mayor Scholarship Program aims to support motivated individuals (but not strictly high academic achievers) who may experience greater barriers to learning, to engage in tertiary education in order to foster their professional development.

3. Objectives of the Program

In 2015, the following scholarships will be awarded:

- Eight (8) scholarships (valued at \$1,000 each) for new entrants to TAFE or University to support their **first year** of study
- Eight (8) scholarships (valued at \$500 each) for existing TAFE or University students to support their **second or third** year of study.



4. Scholarship Funds

Scholarships are awarded annually, up to a total value of \$12,000 per year.

5. Eligibility

First year TAFE or University entrants – \$1,000 grant

To apply you must be:

- aged 15 years or over
- enrolled in the **first year** of an Australian accredited TAFE or University course in 2015
- studying full time in 2015
- a permanent Australian resident
- permanently residing within the Parramatta LGA

Second or third year TAFE or University students – \$500 grant

To apply you must be:

- aged 15 years or over
- enrolled in the **second or third year** of an Australian accredited TAFE or University course in 2015
- studying full time in 2015
- a permanent Australian resident
- permanently residing within the Parramatta LGA

Note: Only one application per person will be accepted.

6. Criteria for Selection

The selection panel will comprise two independent representatives from community organisations and/or educational institutes within the Parramatta LGA, as well as the Lord Mayor (or their nominated representative) and a relevant staff representative from Parramatta City Council (PCC).

Applications will be assessed against the following selection criteria:

- Commitment to learning and capacity to learn
- Contribution to the broader community in a leadership and /or participation capacity.





7. Completing the application form

All sections of the Application Form should be completed and all requested supporting documentation should be submitted to ensure the applicant has the best opportunity when being considered by the selection panel.

LOCAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Application Form asks applicants to provide a brief summary of their involvement with community organisations or group/s including a summary of their role (e.g. leader / participant / volunteer).

PROOF OF TERTIARY ENROLMENT

Applicants for the \$1,000 scholarship will need to show evidence of their acceptance into an accredited Australian University or TAFE in 2015.

Applicants for the \$500 scholarship will need to show evidence of their existing academic transcripts for study undertaken at an accredited Australian University or TAFE in 2014.

REFEREES

The Application Form requests the attachment of two written references, on official letterhead to ensure authenticity of the source.

- References should be from recognised leaders of an educational institution or community organisation suitably placed to make comment on your academic achievements and/or community involvement and the benefit of the scholarship to assist your learning.

8. Submitting Nominations

- **Applications will be accepted from Monday 2 February 2015 and can be accessed via www.parracity.nsw.gov.au.**
- All applications must be submitted electronically using the 2015 Lord Mayor Scholarship Program Application Form.
- Specific submission instructions are outlined within the Application Form.
- The applicant should keep a copy of the completed application for their reference. The completed application will be available to download from the web page once it has been submitted.

9. Closing Date

- **The closing date for applications for the 2015 Lord Mayor Scholarship is 12 noon Friday 27 February 2015.**
- An electronic copy submitted prior to or on the closing date by 12 noon will be considered as having been received on time.
- A confirmation email will be sent to acknowledge receipt of an application.

10. Further Information

All queries should be directed to:

Parramatta City Council
Customer Contact Centre
Tel: (02) 9806 5050

or

Social Outcomes Team
Tel: (02) 9806 5211



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