

FREDERICK RICHARD O'CONNELL SCHOLARSHIP

GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES

Applications are open to candidates who are about to commence or who have already commenced a degree or accredited course conducted by a university in Victoria.

Preference will be given to applicants who fall within one of the following categories:

- Children of employees of member companies of the Timber Merchants Australia (TMA) (who are also preferably financial members of their respective unions); or
- Children of directors or proprietors of member companies of the TMA.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of:

- Good character
- Personality
- Academic achievement
- Proficiency at sport
- Application form

The student is to complete the online application form available at;

<https://equitytrustees.smartygrants.com.au/O%27Connell21>

The student must also submit the following:

1. A referee form to be completed by a referee (preferably academic)
2. Statutory Declarations to be completed by the applicant and his / her legal guardian(s)
3. Statutory Declaration to be completed by the employer of the applicant's legal guardian, where the employer is a member of the TMA
4. Supporting documentation

Instructions on submitting these documents are contained within the online application form. Upon submission, the student will be emailed a PDF copy of their application for their records.



SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Candidates must attach the following to their application form:

1. Evidence of current enrolment in their proposed or current course of study
2. A copy of their most recent academic reports / records
3. If the candidate is enrolled in the first year of their proposed course of study, a copy of their ENTER Score and VCE subject summaries must be attached

Candidates may include a covering letter of no more than one page if they wish. Please do not supply any documents other than the above.

ENQUIRIES

Application queries can be directed to the Manager, Philanthropy Services at Equity Trustees Ltd by email at charities@eqt.com.au or by telephone on 1300 133 472.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The scholarship is tenable for one year
2. The candidate must be enrolled to study in Victoria on a full-time basis whilst in receipt of the scholarship
3. The candidate must notify the Trustee immediately should there be a change of circumstance in relation to the above conditions
4. The value of the scholarship can be up to \$5,000
The advisory committee have discretion to award a scholarship over and above this amount.
5. The successful candidate agrees to the publication of their name in a list of current Frederick Richard O'Connell Scholarship recipients in Timber Trader News and Timber e-news. The TMA will not be able to use the recipient's name for any other purpose without consent
6. The Trustee may terminate a scholarship if:
 - a. the candidate does not fulfil all of the above conditions
 - b. at any point, the candidate is found to have provided the Trustee with false or fraudulent information

Upon termination, monies already paid to the candidate and not duly expended or committed shall be returned to the Trustee.