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Education Scholarship Guidelines

On Track Foundation offers scholarships to help disadvantaged youth attend courses at approved Australian educational institutions.

Who may apply?

To be eligible to seek financial assistance from On Track Foundation you must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Reside in the Central Highlands statistical region of Victoria, which includes Ballarat, Bacchus Marsh, Ballan, Ararat, Beaufort, Lexington, Avoca, Clunes, Creswick, Daylesford and Trentham (please ask us if you are unsure).
2. Be aged 24 years or younger.
3. Be eligible to attend:
 - (a) Preschool
 - (b) Primary school
 - (c) Secondary school or
 - (d) Any level of post-secondary school education or training (eg. University, apprenticeship).
4. Have exhausted all other avenues of possible financial support.

When to apply

Two funding rounds are offered each year, the first round in March /April and the second in September/October.

However, applications may also be considered at times outside the funding rounds when the Committee believes special circumstances warrant consideration.

How to apply

Applications are invited from ‘Referring Professionals’ involved in education, health, welfare and other fields, who have identified a person fitting the eligibility criteria whom they believe would benefit from assistance from On Track Foundation and whose application they are willing to support.

Application forms can be downloaded from: www.ontrackfoundation.org.au or you can write to request one at On Track Foundation Inc.’s address below.

The application:

1. must be completed by a ‘Referring Professional’ (e.g. teacher, counsellor, health professional, casework, mentor)
2. must be accompanied by 2 additional character references;
3. must include evidence that either that the applicant is eligible for government financial assistance (e.g. copy of Healthcare card) or is experiencing financial hardship.

Applications should be addressed to:

Scholarship Fund
On Track Foundation Inc. or email info@ontrackfoundation.org.au
PO Box 1610
Ballarat Mail Centre VIC 3354

The Scholarship Panel (a sub-committee of the On Track Foundation Inc. comprised of the President, Vice- President, Secretary and Education arm Committee members), reviews all applications and makes recommendations for funding to the Committee.

All information provided in applications is treated as confidential.

Each application is reviewed on its individual merits.

Financial assistance is tailored made to meet the specific needs of each successful applicant and their particular financial and social circumstances (up to a maximum amount, which is reviewed each year). This is to ensure that:

1. each successful applicant receives the appropriate level of financial assistance to enable them to pursue their goals given the financial constraints of the applicant or their family;
2. The Foundation’s limited funds are used as effectively as possible.