



# Scholarship Fund

The OEC Scholarship Fund has been established to help break through financial barriers to education. OEC is a Dubbo-based not-for-profit organisation with a history of working with disadvantaged communities in the Orana region to service need and to provide support and opportunities to develop sustainability.

OEC is offering a scholarship of up to \$10,000 per year to a person from western NSW who has applied to study at an accredited Australian university or registered training organisation, which may include apprenticeships and/or traineeships.

The scholarship is open to people of all ages who are struggling to afford tertiary studies and are willing to encourage other people in their communities to follow their education dreams.

Applications can be completed electronically or in hard copy and close on 21 January 2019.

<https://www.facebook.com/oecboard/>



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## 2019 Details

### WHO CAN APPLY?

- To be entitled to the scholarship you must be eligible to be enrolled/enrolled in/or part way through, a course at an accredited Australian university or registered training organisation.
- You must be enrolled to vote in the electorate covered by one of the following local government areas - Bourke, Brewarrina, Cobar, Bogan, Walgett, Warren, Coonamble, Narromine, Dubbo, Gilgandra, Wellington, Warrumbungle (or eligible to enrol if under 18 years old).
- Applicants of all ages are encouraged to apply.
- You must be a permanent resident of Australia or Australian citizen.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Scholarship recipients must submit their academic results to the OEC Board each semester.
- Each recipient will be allocated a mentor from the OEC Board. The mentoring program will involve connecting with community and school groups with an aim to inspire others to pursue their educational goals.
- Evidence must be provided to the OEC Board of at least 10 hours active community reconnection each year.

### WHO SELECTS THE SCHOLARS?

A selection panel will review all scholarship applications according to the criteria. The selection panel will include the OEC Chair, OEC Board nomination and an independent panel member.

### WHAT ARE THE SELECTION CRITERIA?

The selection panel will consider the following criteria:

- Your participation in both curricular and extra curricular activities.
- Your ability to demonstrate that the scholarship will have a significant impact in achieving your educational goals.

### PAYMENT OF FUNDS

- A scholarship of up to \$10,000 per year will be provided for the duration of the approved course, based on the recipient meeting the institution's criteria to progress through their course and engagement with the OEC Board.
- Funds will be provided as a monthly payment, direct into the recipient's nominated bank account.
- If the recipient drops out of the approved course of study the scholarship payments will cease.

### CLOSING DATE

Return your application to:

OEC Scholarship Fund PO Box 1586

Dubbo NSW 2830

Email: [sharon@espaccounting.com.au](mailto:sharon@espaccounting.com.au)

Applications close:

5pm 21 January 2019.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about the OEC Scholarship phone 02 6884 9000 or email [sharon@espaccounting.com.au](mailto:sharon@espaccounting.com.au)



# OEC Scholarship Fund Application Form

## SECTION A: Personal Details

**NAME:**

**DATE OF BIRTH:**

**PHONE/MOBILE:**

**EMAIL:**

**ADDRESS:**

**COURSE:**

**EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION:**

## SECTION B: Personal Statement

**The selection panel needs to hear about your background, career goals and how you will benefit from this scholarship. Briefly answer each of the following questions.**

*(Maximum 400 words. Attach separate document if needed)*

1) Why are you applying for this scholarship?

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2) Outline three achievements you are most proud of.

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3) What are your career aspirations and where do you see yourself in 10 years?

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4) How will this scholarship help you achieve your education goals?

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5) Outline your community involvement and desire to make a difference.

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6) What strategies did you have in place to achieve your educational goals before this scholarship?

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## SECTION C: Additional information *(Please attach documents)*

- > Provide previous academic transcripts/records or a statement of your ability to apply yourself to study.
- > Do you have any dependent children under the age of 16: Y / N
- > Are you eligible for Youth Allowance: Y / N

## SECTION D: References

Provide the details of two referees including:

> Name	<input type="text"/>	> Name	<input type="text"/>
> Mobile	<input type="text"/>	> Mobile	<input type="text"/>
> Email	<input type="text"/>	> Email	<input type="text"/>
> Relationship to applicant	<input type="text"/>	> Relationship to applicant	<input type="text"/>