

Terms & Conditions of the Golden Stave Scholarship

The applicant or, if the recipient of the grant is under 18 years old, the sponsor agrees:

1. That the details which have been entered on this application form are correct to the best of applicant's/sponsor's knowledge and the applicant meets the eligibility criteria.
2. That the applicant/sponsor will advise, or cause to be, the Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Association of NSW as soon as practicable during the course of any scholarship that may be awarded, if any of the details provided in the application form change in any material degree.
3. The funds which ParaQuad agrees to make available under the terms of the scholarship may be utilised only for the purpose shown in the application form, or for other purposes which may subsequently be agreed to by ParaQuad in writing as being relevant to the purpose of the said scholarship; further, that payments under a scholarship will be made by ParaQuad only in the form of direct payments to providers of goods and services, or on the basis of proper receipts for payments made to suppliers of goods and services. All claims for the payment must be received at ParaQuad NSW by no later than 31st December 2010.
4. ParaQuad reserves the right in its sole discretion to terminate a scholarship in the event that the student terminates, or fails to pursue in good faith, or substantially changes the nature of the education (including the place of study) for which the said scholarship has been awarded. Further, that under such circumstances ParaQuad shall not be further liable except for reimbursements of expenses incurred in good faith, by or on behalf of the student prior to such termination.
5. ParaQuad's commitment for any scholarship shall extend in the first instance from successful acceptance to December for the applicable year of said scholarship. Any extension of said scholarship shall be subject to a further application being lodged by the applicant and being accepted by ParaQuad at its sole discretion. Further all claims for the period of the scholarship ie. February - December must be received by ParaQuad NSW no later than close of business 31 December 2010.
6. ParaQuad may request proof of disability and access to financial and/or education records relevant to this application, and make such enquiries from government or other bodies as may be considered necessary for verification of information supplied in this application; provided that ParaQuad shall advise the sponsor in writing of its intention to do so.
7. A selection committee from ParaQuad NSW will choose the successful applicants and the ongoing management of the recipients eligibility.
8. It will be necessary for successful applicants to submit mid-year and end of year results, as well as a report on how the funds/scholarship amounts have helped them.
9. That the applicant/sponsor has read and fully understood the above guidelines and 'Terms and Conditions for Golden Stave Scholarships' for the applicable year and agrees to these Terms and Conditions.

Agreement

In making this application, the sponsor/applicant agrees that ParaQuad awards scholarships under its sole discretion, and that no legal action may be taken against ParaQuad in relation to any decision it may take to award, or not to award, any scholarship or to extend or to terminate any scholarship already awarded.

Agreed by the applicant
or sponsor (*name*): _____ (*signed*): _____ Date: _____

Witnessed by (*name*): _____ (*signed*): _____ Date: _____

(*Note: witness not to be related to either sponsor or applicant*)

Note:

This application form, once completed, should be mailed or hand delivered in a sealed envelope marked 'CONFIDENTIAL – SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION' to the Scholarship Administrator, ParaQuad, PO Box 6347 SILVERWATER NSW DC 1811. Faxed application forms will not be considered. The phone number for enquiries is 02 8741 5669. Closing date is 25th February 2010.

The Applicant

Full Name: _____

Residential Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

If not born in Australia, show date of arrival: _____

Citizenship Status: _____ Current Age: _____

Before completing the following application, please ensure that you have read and understood the Scholarship Criteria and Terms and Conditions

Extent and cause of the applicant's spinal cord injury (*NB: confirmation by doctor, physiotherapist or other professional is needed*)
Please attach relevant documentation to your application:

Details of applicant's education to date. (*Please enclose a copy of the latest results of subjects/courses*):

Proposed education/sport/skill development course. Is it a full time or a part time course?

What are your future plans? How will the scholarship help you achieve your goals?

In what month during 2010 do you plan to commence your course?

Total household gross income (*Show sources and approximate annual value in Australian dollars; Please attach last tax statement*):

If a dependant, for each parent show the name of employer and current position or occupation:

Father: _____

Mother: _____



Describe living arrangements. List names and ages of other family members:

What financial or other assistance (from any source e.g. insurance, support from educational institutions) is currently being received by the applicant or by parents or guardians on behalf of the applicant? (Show source and approximate annual value in Australian dollars):

Has the applicant applied for assistance through the Program of Appliances for Disabled People scheme (PADP), Enable NSW etc? If yes, what was the result? If not, why not?

Has the applicant received a scholarship from ParaQuad before? YES NO
If yes, when and what was the amount? On what did you spend the funds?

Designed to ease the financial burden, the scholarships provide funding in two areas:

1. Education including:
 - Course fees
 - Equipment to assist with studies, including computer system (hardware and software)
 - Transport and accommodation in relation to study
 - Assistance such as carers, scribes, tutors and typing services
 - School excursion funds, uniform requirements
 - Hardware and tools assistance (eg, note taking assistance, clerical services)
 - Textbooks and supplies (eg, stationery, art supplies)
 - Additional supporting tuition

2. Sport and recreation activities, training and/or equipment that will provide future income prospects

For what specific purposes does the applicant propose to use the scholarship funds? Any expensive item should be justified/explained by letter from a professional, eg special educationist, occupational therapist etc. (Dollar figures should relate only to estimated expenditure proposed from February to December, of the scholarship year the applicant is applying for. In the case of a course that runs for more than one year, please estimate and indicate each years expenditure individually.)

1.		\$
2.		\$
3.		\$
4.		\$

TOTAL AMOUNT SOUGHT (\$AUD) _____

If the application is for educational equipment, is it compatible with the equipment the student uses at school etc?

YES NO (Please tick the appropriate box)

If the application is for assistance in purchasing equipment, please detail why this is the best option to meet the applicant's needs.

The Sponsor (to be completed if the applicant is under 18 years old)

Full Name: Mr Mrs Ms Dr _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

Fax No: _____

Mobile: _____

Postal Address (for direction of enquiries): _____

Email: _____

Relationship of Sponsor to applicant: _____

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

Recipients will be selected on the following criteria as defined by ParaQuad NSW:

- Australian citizens or permanent residents (residing in NSW/ACT).
- Person with a spinal cord injury
- Must provide evidence of financial need (please refer to 'Low socio-economic background criteria; in scholarship guidelines')
- Motivation and perseverance towards goals

Additional eligibility criteria include:

- Should a scholarship be awarded and at some later stage it is found that the student no longer satisfies the scholarship criteria, the scholarship will be withdrawn.
- Scholarship payments are made on proof that the student maintains a satisfactory rate of academic progress. The scholarship is paid once only for each session of study, hence where a student needs to repeat a session due to academic failure then the scholarship will be suspended until the failed subject(s) have been passed and the student progresses to the next session.
- Should a student, in receipt of a scholarship, change their mode of study, for example from full-time to part-time and not demonstrate strong justification for the change, then the scholarship payments will cease.

Ongoing eligibility criteria include:

- Each successful applicant will need to become a member of ParaQuad NSW; if they are not already (a membership form can be found on the website at www.paraquad.org.au).
- Each successful applicant will need to provide a photo of themselves, as well as a twice-yearly update report to ParaQuad NSW on the progress of their studies and how the scholarship has helped them. ParaQuad NSW may choose to use this material for promotional purposes.
- ParaQuad NSW requires recipients to achieve satisfactory academic progress to continue to be eligible for the ParaQuad NSW Scholarships.