

GOLDEN STAVE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2012

Before completing the following application, please ensure that you have read and understood the Scholarship Criteria and Terms and Conditions at the back of this document.

The Applicant

First Name:	Last Name:	
Residential Address:	Suburb:	Postcode:
Telephone:	Mobile:	
Email:	ParaQuad Membership No.:	
Age:	Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Citizenship Status:	
If not born in Australia, show date of arrival:		

1. Why do you think you should be considered for this scholarship? (please attach extra paper if required).

2. Extent and cause of the applicant's spinal cord injury (N.B. confirmation by doctor, physiotherapist or other professional is required). Please attach relevant documentation to your application.

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

4. What is the proposed education /sport/skill development course of the applicant? (Please provide the course name and the school, university, TAFE or registered private college providing the course that the applicant is/will be studying):

Course Name:

School University
 TAFE
 College
 Other

Full time
 Part time
 Correspondence

Length of Course: _____ When will the applicant commence the course? _____

5.

As this scholarship is aimed for low income families please explain your total household gross income (Show sources and approximate annual value in Australian dollars; Please attach last tax statement)

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

Father:

Mother:

6. Describe your current living arrangements and where you will live whilst studying?

7. Is the applicant or their parents/guardian (on behalf of the applicant) receiving any financial or other assistance such as another scholarship, pension, and insurance claim?

No Yes (If yes, show source and approximate annual value in Australian dollars below).

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

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

10. Has the applicant received a scholarship from ParaQuad NSW before? No Yes If you ticked "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:
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 requirement
- Hardware and tools assistance (e.g. clerical services)
- Textbooks and supplies (e.g. stationery, art supplies)
- Additional supporting tuition
- Sporting and recreational activities, training and/or equipment that will provide future income prospects

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

Items	Approx cost
1	
2	
3	
4	
Total Amount (\$AUD) \$	

12. If the application is for educational equipment, is it compatible with the equipment the applicant uses at the school, university, TAFE or college? (please tick the appropriate box) Yes No

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

ParaQuad NSW Scholarship 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 (of all ages)
- Must provide evidence of financial need (Please refer to "low social economic background" criteria in 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.

Terms & Conditions of 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 advised, 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 NSW in writing as being relevant to the purpose of the said scholarship; further, that payments under a scholarship will be made by ParaQuad NSW 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 31 December 2012.
4. ParaQuad NSW 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 NSW shall not be further liable except for reimbursements of expenses incurred in good faith, by or not behalf of the student prior to such terminations.
5. ParaQuad NSW'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 continued funding by ParaQuad NSW and then a further application being lodged by the applicant and being accepted by ParaQuad NSW at its sole discretion. All claims must be received by 31 December 2011.
6. ParaQuad NSW 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 NSW 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 recipient's 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 "Guidelines for the ParaQuad NSW Scholarships 2012" and agrees to the above Terms and Conditions.

Agreement

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

Agreed by the applicant or sponsor (Print name):	Date:
Signed:	Date:
Witnessed by: (Witness is not to be related to either the sponsor or applicant) Name:	Date:
Signed:	

Note: This application form, once completed, should be mailed or hand delivered in a sealed envelope marked:
'CONFIDENTIAL – GOLDEN STAVE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION'
Scholarship Administrator, ParaQuad NSW, PO Box 6347 SILVERWATER NSW DC 1811.
Faxed application forms will not be considered. Enquiries: 02 8741 5669. Closing date is 17th February 2012.