

PARAQUAD NSW 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 (confirmation by doctor, physiotherapist or other professional is needed). 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. Proposed education /sport/skill development course of the applicant for the scholarship:

Course Name:			
<input type="checkbox"/> School University	<input type="checkbox"/> TAFE	<input type="checkbox"/> College	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Full time	<input type="checkbox"/> Part time	<input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence	
Length of Course:	When will the applicant commence the course?		

5. Is the applicant or their parents/guardian (on behalf of the applicant) receiving any financial or other assistance such as another scholarship for this course?

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

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

7. 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?

There are a number of 'ParaQuad NSW Scholarships' valued at up to \$5,000 each to help with education at a school, university, technical college, TAFE or registered private college. As a person with a spinal cord injury has many different needs to complete their studies, the scholarships can cover one or more of the following:

- Education fees for a year
- Course excursion funds or residential school expenses
- Carer's allowance contribution
- Hardware and tools assistance (such as scribes and typing services)
- Computer system (hardware and software required for the course)
- Introductory computer use training tailored to the specific needs of the individual
- Textbooks and supplies (such as stationery and art supplies)
- Additional supporting tuition

ParaQuad NSW will consider any needs not identified above.

8. For what specific purposes does the applicant propose to use the scholarship funds? Any expensive item should be 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).

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

9. If the application is for educational equipment, is it compatible with the equipment the applicant uses/will use at the school, university, TAFE or registered private college? (please tick the appropriate box)

Yes No

10. If the application is for assistance in purchasing equipment, is the applicant sure there is no better alternative option available which meets their needs?

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Dr	Full Name:
Postal Address:	Suburb: Postcode:
Telephone:	Mobile:
Email:	Relationship to the applicant:

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

ParaQuad NSW Scholarship recipients are selected on the following criteria as defined by ParaQuad NSW:

- Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents (residing in NSW/ACT)
- A person with a spinal cord injury (of all ages)
- A high level of academic record
- 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 outlined in the 'Guidelines for the ParaQuad NSW Scholarships 2012'.
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 NSW 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.
6. ParaQuad NSW may request proof of disability and access to 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:

Signed:

Date:

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 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.