



# Moorabool Wind Farm Scholarship Guidelines

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## Introduction

The Moorabool Wind Farm (MWF) Community Fund gives financial support to community groups, organisations and projects that provide a benefit to a broad proportion of the local community.

MWFCF provides \$2,500.00 per installed wind turbine annually.

The total is a combination of Moorabool North Wind Farm \$125,000 and Moorabool South Wind Farm \$135,000 (CPI adjusted each year).

The Fund is split into three streams:

- Community Grants
- Community Groups Sponsorship Packages
- Community Scholarships

The Funds opens annually. Dates are advertised in advance of each round.

This document sets out the Guidelines for applying for funding through the Community Scholarships.

## Key Aims

A portion of the Fund is dedicated to community scholarships to support the costs of attending and undertaking education consisting of course costs, study related materials or tutoring.

Applications will be welcome at any age, for any level of education and will be awarded based on eligibility and selection criteria below.

## Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be an Australian citizen or have permanent resident status.
- Have a permanent address in or have relocated for study from within 20 km of the MWF. Priority will be given to students 10 km from MWF. See Appendix 1 for 10km radius map.
- Be commencing or continuing their studies within 12 months of grant award.

Individuals can only make one scholarship application per funding round. MWF will assess each application within each round. Parents/guardians can make multiple applications provided each application is for a separate child.

Applicants are welcome to reapply if unsuccessful in a previous funding round. Successful applicants must wait three years before reapplying.

Eligible courses should be:

- Provided by an Eligible Provider, either a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) registered with the Australian Skills Quality authority (ASQA) (check at <http://www.training.gov.au>) or a higher education provider registered with the Tertiary Education quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) (check at <http://www.teqsa.gov.au/national-register>).
- Be for a maximum of six years.
- Either remote or face-to-face learning but must be undertaken in Australia with the exception of exchange experiences.
- Full or part time.

## Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on merit irrespective of financial need. Examples of merit include, but are not limited to:

- Academic merit;
- Sporting merit;
- Artist merit;
- Barriers to accessing further education, e.g. specialty educational assistance;
- Leadership qualities; or
- Community contributions or local business capabilities that would be enhanced by further study.

Applicants must:

- Submit a personal statement of 500 words maximum, outlining:
  - a. Your education path for the following year and how the scholarship contributes to this.
  - b. What influenced and motivated you to choose your intended study program or field of study.
- Provide evidence to show you have a permanent address in, or have relocated to study, from within 20 km to the MWF.

- Provide details of any funding received from other programs towards your chosen education path, e.g. scholarship or bursary.
- Provide evidence of merit, leadership qualities, community/business capabilities or requirement for specialty assistance e.g.
  - a. A school report card, academic results, sporting achievement.
  - b. A letter from school principal, community leader or business owner outlining achievements or assistance requirements.
  - c. Evidence of involvement in relevant extra-curricular activities.
  - d. A letter of support from an independent member of the community e.g. a teacher, councillor, or other community member. The letter should outline the relationship with the applicant – e.g. professional reference, friend or family member.

## **Participation reporting and payment criteria**

Payment will be made within two months of approving the application. Successful applicants will need to provide evidence of successful completion of their course.

Scholarships may be deferred, depending on circumstances. MWF will assess individual deferrals, as required.

## **When and how to apply**

MWF will advertise the timeframe for application. Application windows will be annual.

- Applications must be received before the closing date.
- Applications will be notified of the status of their application within three months of the closing date.
- Funds will be dispersed as soon as possible after this time.

## **Assessment of Applications**

The process for the assessment of all applications for funding is as follows:

- Applications recorded and acknowledged.
- Applications assessed for eligibility against the criteria.
- Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email or telephone.

## **Acquittals**

An annual audit and report on the scholarships will be completed by the Fund Administrator. Successful applicants may be asked to participate in acquittals and provide evidence of course completion.

## Privacy

Please refer to the GWA Privacy Policy available at [www.mooraboolwindfarm.com](http://www.mooraboolwindfarm.com) or by request to [info@mooraboolwindfarm.com](mailto:info@mooraboolwindfarm.com)

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### Appendix 1. Map 10km radius from MWF

