

Australian Window Association
**Scholarship
Program**



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The AWA is the peak national body for the window industry in Australia. A respected advocate and representative, it has established strong links with the window industry in the United States of America, United Kingdom, South Africa and New Zealand and regularly exchanges information on the latest developments affecting the industry. The AWA was founded by window manufacturers and is run by window manufacturers. The AWA is a co-operative whereby all members are encouraged to be involved in the decision making process. It is the leading source of performance standards, product certification and educational programs for the broader fenestration industry.

Extending the Benefits

As an AWA member, you can choose to make a financial contribution towards the AWA Scholarship Program when submitting your membership renewal. These contributions allow AWA to offer multiple awards each year. You can also participate in the AWA Scholarship Partner Program, which allows your company to establish its own scholarship award amount and eligibility requirements and AWA will provide administration of the program. Please contact AWA for more information.





Purpose

The AWA Scholarship Program was established to provide families of employees of Australian Window Association members with an opportunity to obtain financial aid for higher education and to encourage the growth of the building products industry. This scholarship was also established to indirectly support educational institutions nationwide.

Eligibility

Those eligible to apply for the AWA Scholarship must be 2011 high school year 11 or 12 students who intend to continue on to tertiary study at any level of university, accredited non-profit college or vocational technical institution. Students must be dependent children of employees of AWA member companies in good standing. Applicants must plan to enrol, or currently be enrolled, in an engineering, technical or associated diploma/degree focused on the design and/or construction of buildings, or building products related to the fenestration industry.

The member company employee (applicant's parent/legal guardian) must be employed full time by the member for at least one year prior to January 1 of the award year, and must still be employed by the member at the time the winner is selected. Families of AWA's Board of Directors and AWA staff are not eligible.

Scholarship Awards

The AWA Scholarship is a one year, non-renewable scholarship of \$2000 towards an engineering, technical or design field of study or apprenticeship, and can only be applied to the school year immediately following the date of the award. All awardees of AWA Scholarships are ineligible for future awards.

The scholarship may be used at any accredited college, university or vocational technical institution in Australia. The funds awarded by this scholarship will be first applied to tuition and fees. Any balance will be applied to room, board, books, supplies and incidental expenses.

Application Procedure

In October, scholarship information will be distributed to AWA member companies and their employees. Application forms and information about the application procedure will also be available online at the AWA website in the Members Only section (www.awa.org.au). The application deadline is 31st January 2012-. The scholarship will be awarded by 29th February 2012.

The Essay

The application includes an essay, which should be 500 words or less in length. Applicants are asked to describe why they want to pursue an engineering, technical or design degree focused on the building product industry.

Selection of Winners

An impartial Selection Committee composed of educators will meet in January to select a winner. In selecting the winner, applications are judged on academic merit, including the essay portion, in addition to Year 12 Scores and Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR), plus any related coursework.

Payment of Scholarship Funds

Payment of the AWA Scholarship will be made as follows: Beginning March 1, or prior to the start of the first semester, the award amount will be paid in one installment to the institution. Cheques will be made payable to the institution of choice and mailed to the scholarship winner or alternatively direct bank credit will be made through the AWA office.

Responsibilities of Recipients

Scholarship recipients must enroll as full-time students in the year in which the scholarship is awarded, and continue study for the entire academic year. Disruption of study due to illness, emergency or exceptional circumstances must be approved by the AWA. Scholarship recipients are responsible for making certain that their scholarship payments are delivered to the institution in which they are enrolled.

Program Administration

The program is currently administered by the AWA secretariat with the monies securely invested. To ensure complete impartiality in the selection of the winner and to maintain a high level of professionalism, the panel of selectors will be convened by the AFTI National Training Manager and will be independent to the AWA Board of Directors.





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