



## **Educational Scholarship Guidelines**

### **About Stand Like Stone**

The Stand Like Stone Foundation, established in 2004, is a dynamic community foundation serving the Limestone Coast (in the South East of South Australia).

Stand Like Stone offers individuals, families, groups, corporations and not-for-profit organisations an easy and satisfying way of giving something of real value back to the community that they care about. All donations to Stand Like Stone are pooled and invested. The income generated from this investment is used over time to support charitable projects and organisations and to give educational scholarships.

Stand Like Stone offers grants for charitable projects benefitting the Limestone Coast and offers educational scholarships once a year. Stand Like Stone also facilitates projects which contribute to the community in many ways, resulting in both financial and social benefit such as the Back to School and Stay at School programs.

Key roles include:

1. To provide grants and scholarships
2. To raise funds to grow Stand Like Stone
3. To work with local communities to raise funds to benefit local communities
4. To forge partnerships with other philanthropic organisations to bring external money for use into our region
5. To build community strength and help find collaborative solutions to community problems
6. To facilitate fundraising events and to work with the corporate sector to encourage workplace giving
7. To promote the many ways people can donate to Stand Like Stone and to build a culture of philanthropy

### **Our Vision**

*Investing in our community for lasting impact*

### **Our Mission**

*Growing funds and building relationships for investment in the strength and wellbeing of our Limestone Coast communities. Encouraging collaborative and community-led initiatives. Helping our communities address their needs.*

## Who can apply?

- Australian citizens or permanent residents. (If successful you will be required to provide evidence of your Australian citizenship / permanent residency.)
- People enrolled in or intending to enrol in a recognised course of study in the following calendar year (eg Submit application in Aug-Oct 2018 for study to be undertaken in 2019, submit application in Aug-Oct 2019 for study to be undertaken in 2020 etc). This must be an approved curriculum and course at an Australian educational institution that is recognised by Australian educational authorities. The approved Australian course can be pre-school, primary school, secondary school or tertiary courses. Applicants who have commenced study prior to the opening of the current round will be considered, however successful applicants will only receive funding for study undertaken from the year of the scholarship onwards.
- People with a connection to the Limestone Coast or a desire to live and work in the Limestone Coast now or in the future.
- Scholarships will be advertised widely.

## What is the purpose of the Scholarship?

The purpose of the scholarship is to:

- promote the recipients' education through an approved Australian course

## What areas of interest can be supported with a Scholarship?

The number of scholarships and amounts given from each scholarship will vary. A number of donors have made gifts to the Educational Scholarship Fund and have indicated that they prefer the following areas of interest be supported by their gift.

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| L M Woodruff Memorial Scholarship             | Provides scholarships to assist young women identifying with the Limestone Coast to undertake a nursing career at any level. This scholarship can be given to a secondary student with an ambition to study nursing or can be given to a student entering tertiary study.   |
| Mount Gambier High School Student Scholarship | Provides educational scholarships to students attending or enrolling at Mount Gambier High School. This includes current Mount Gambier High School students, primary school students who will be attending Mount Gambier High School or students who are moving from another school to Mount Gambier High School for the year that the scholarship applies. The scholarship can also be used to assist current or past students of Mount Gambier High School to undertake further educational studies at a tertiary level - such as, but not limited to, University, TAFE and other approved courses. |
| Keith Area School Student Scholarship         | Provides educational scholarships to students attending or enrolling at Keith Area School. This   |

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|   | includes current Keith Area School students or students who are moving from another school to Keith Area School for the year that the scholarship applies. The scholarship can also be used to assist current or past students of Keith Area School to undertake further educational studies at a tertiary level - such as, but not limited to, University, TAFE and other approved courses.  |
| Kingston Community School Student Scholarship | Provides educational scholarships to students attending or enrolling at Kingston Community School. This scholarship will be awarded on reasons of equity (as defined in How are scholarships awarded) to current Kingston Community School students or students who are moving from another school to Kingston Community School for the year that the scholarship applies. The scholarship can also be used to assist current or past students Kingston Community School to undertake further educational studies at a tertiary level - such as, but not limited to, University, TAFE and other approved courses. |
| Lucindale Area School Student Scholarship     | Provides educational scholarships to students attending or enrolling at Lucindale Area School. This includes current Lucindale Area School students and students who are moving from another school or kindergarten to Lucindale Area School in the year that the scholarship applies. The scholarship can also be used to assist current or past students of Lucindale Area School to undertake further educational studies at a tertiary level - such as, but not limited to, University, TAFE and other approved courses.  |
| Grant High School Student Scholarship         | Provides educational scholarships to students attending or enrolling at Grant High School. This includes current Grant High School students and students who are moving from another school to Grant High School in the year that the scholarship applies. The scholarship can also be used to assist current or past students of Grant High School to undertake further educational studies at a tertiary level - such as, but not limited to, University, TAFE and other approved courses.  |
| L T O'Connor Scholarship                      | Provides scholarships for reasons of merit (as defined in How are scholarships awarded) in the area of music to people identifying with the Limestone Coast to further their experiences and knowledge in music.  |

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| de Nys Family Memorial Scholarship              | Provide scholarships for reasons of equity (as defined in How are scholarships awarded) for primary, secondary or tertiary students identifying with the greater Mount Gambier area.  |
| Focus on Youth Scholarship                      | Provides scholarships to assist people identifying with the Limestone Coast to undertake educational studies at any level - primary, secondary or tertiary courses.   |
| Cornerstone Scholarship                         | Provides scholarships for reasons of equity or merit to benefit kindergarten, primary, secondary or tertiary students identifying with the greater Bordertown area.   |
| SARWG Mt Gambier Scholarship                    | Provides scholarships for reasons of equity or merit to benefit women in the pursuit of their educational goals.  |
| The Balnaves Foundation Scholarship             | The Balnaves Foundation Educational Scholarship is provided for reasons of equity or merit to benefit kindergarten, primary, secondary or tertiary students identifying with the greater Penola area or the Limestone Coast. The scholarship will be awarded to assist with study, with a focus on young people, the disadvantaged and Indigenous communities. It is preferential (but not essential), to award the scholarship to a student that has an interest in the region and the Indigenous history of the area. |
| Stand Like Stone Scholarship                    | Provides scholarships to assist people identifying with the Limestone Coast to undertake educational studies at any level - primary, secondary or tertiary courses.   |
| Penola Coonawarra Vititec Community Scholarship | Used to provide scholarships to kindergarten, primary, secondary or tertiary students with a connection to the greater Penola Coonawarra area. The scholarship was established upon the winding up of VITITEC which aimed to increase the knowledge of grape growing and viticultural techniques in the region.   |
| LE & NC Myers Educational Scholarship           | The scholarship supports young people under the guardianship of the Minister or who have exited the guardianship of the Minister to achieve their goals in vocational and tertiary education.   |
| Lorry Humphreys Memorial Scholarship            | Used to provide scholarships and programs for people seeking to pursue a career in the Trades and the Arts.   |

## What can the scholarship be used for?

The scholarship can be used for:

- Approved curriculum and courses at Australian educational institutions (such as pre-schools, primary schools, secondary schools, higher education institutions and registered training organisations) that are approved or recognised by Australian educational authorities.
- Related living and boarding costs

## How are scholarships awarded?

Scholarships are awarded on:

- reasons of equity (Examples of equity would cover students who are experiencing socio-economic disadvantage or hardship, or suffering disability. Other reasons may include special needs flowing from age, gender, ethnicity or geographic location.)
- merit (The basis of merit can be academic and can also include non-academic criteria where they are sufficiently connected with the educational objectives such as sporting or artistic ability where the sporting or artistic pursuit is part of the curriculum.)

## Application Procedure

Applicants must complete the Educational Scholarship Application Form and enclose two signed letters of recommendation with the application from your referees. The referees should have direct knowledge of your educational ability, prospects and character. Individuals can be nominated for a scholarship by another person.

Applicants are welcome to discuss their application with the Executive Officer and are encouraged to do so if you are unsure whether you are eligible to apply. All successful applicants will be required to sign the Stand Like Stone Foundation Educational Scholarship Conditions and provide a report on the use of the funds.

Applications must be lodged by email or mail and must be sent/postmarked no later than the closing date. The completed Application together with supporting documentation should be posted to:

The Executive Officer  
Stand Like Stone Foundation Ltd  
PO Box 9418  
Mount Gambier West SA 5291

Or emailed to; [info@standlikestone.com.au](mailto:info@standlikestone.com.au)

**NB:**

**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

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Key dates for scholarships are:

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| ➤ 15 August  | Applications open  |
| ➤ 31 October | Applications close   |
| ➤ November   | Interviews conducted (if required)   |
| ➤ December   | Scholarship offered  |
| ➤ February   | Scholarship awarded<br>(subject to confirmation of placement in the relevant course) |

## Application Review Process

Scholarship applications will be evaluated by the Board of Directors or by an Educational Scholarship Advisory Committee who makes recommendations to the Board. The Board of Directors has final approval on the distribution of scholarships.

To ensure that informed decisions are made, on occasions, applicants may be requested to provide further information. Timing of decisions will be dependent on Board meetings. Applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application.

Stand Like Stone will publicly inform the community about scholarship decisions on the website, [www.standlikestone.com.au](http://www.standlikestone.com.au), in our newsletter and via a media release to local media outlets.

## Scholarship payments and tax

Recipients of scholarships are strongly encouraged to seek their own advice from Centrelink, the Australian Taxation Office, or a financial adviser for assistance regarding their own financial situation.

Successful applicants will be required to provide proof of enrolment before scholarship payments can commence.

## Scholarships and Deferral

Deferral of scholarships is not allowed. Recipients are required to re-apply in the following year.