

Eva West Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Guidelines

Background:

Latrobe City Trust will invite applications on an annual basis for the award of the **Eva West Memorial Scholarship**. The award has been established to commemorate the life and work of Eva West who was born in Traralgon in 1888.

Eva West realised a number of notable achievements in her lifetime. She was one of the first women to qualify as an accountant in Victoria and was the first female Shire Secretary in Victoria. Throughout her life, Eva West was an active member of the community, epitomising good citizenship. She received the award of MBE in 1958 in recognition of her service to the community.

Following her death in 1969, a public appeal was held to enable the former Traralgon councils to establish a perpetual scholarship in her honour to encourage the advancement of young women. Historically the Eva West Memorial Scholarship has been managed by Council and awarded to a female student attending Traralgon Secondary College.

On 19 November 2008, the Victorian Attorney-General sanctioned the future management of the Eva West Scholarship Trust by the Trustees of the Latrobe City Trust. While first preference must be given to a female student attending Traralgon Secondary College intending to take up qualifying tertiary studies, the Sanction enables the Trust to award the scholarship to a female student at another State secondary school within the municipality of Latrobe City if no suitable candidate can be found at Traralgon Secondary College.

Eligibility:

Accordingly, the Eva West Memorial Scholarship is now open to Year 12 female students attending a State secondary school within the municipality, who intend pursuing business-related tertiary studies.

To qualify an applicant must intend to undertake a minimum of two years full time study in a relevant discipline at any university or TAFE institution within Australia.

Scholarship Award:

The Award of an Eva West Memorial Scholarship provides for a total scholarship of up to \$1,000: \$500 in the first year, \$250 in the second year and where an applicant is undertaking a three year course of study, \$250 in the third year.

The Scholarship will be paid annually, subject to the attainment of satisfactory results and continued course enrolment, and evidence of course enrolment will be required prior to the payment of Scholarship monies.

Applications:

Applications should be submitted in resume format and address the following selection criteria:

- a high level of scholastic achievement;
- demonstrated involvement in community activities; and
- exemplary personal values.

All applicants are also required to complete an **Application Form** and provide a copy of their VCE academic records and lodged VTAC Change of Preference form with their application.

Interviews of short-listed applicants are conducted at Council's Corporate Headquarters, 141 Commercial Road Morwell, in January. The conclusive selection will be made after First Round Offers are made.

Enquiries

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