

BOARDING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ISOLATED STUDENTS

The Boarding Scholarships for Isolated Students scheme has been established to assist students from rural areas who are disadvantaged by a low family income, and geographic isolation.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

1. Students must live in New South Wales (That is, the student's primary carer must be a permanent resident of NSW).
2. Families must meet the income test requirements for the NSW Living Away From Home Allowance (LAFHA).
3. Students must be in circumstances where they need to board away from home to attend the nominated government secondary school. (That is, the family home is geographically isolated and this severely affects the student's access to secondary schooling.)
4. Students must be in Years 7 to 12.
5. Applicants must submit an application form by the due date and supply all necessary supporting documents.
6. Different categories of scholarship are available to meet the needs of:
 - Students who wish to attend and board at a NSW government Agricultural High School. (Applicants in this category must have been accepted for enrolment, or be eligible for enrolment at the school in terms of the Department's enrolment policy for agricultural high schools)

OR

 - Students who wish to attend another NSW government specialist secondary school that conducts separate selection procedures, in order to pursue a special talent, interest or educational need, and who would need to board away from home to do so. Applicants in this category must have been accepted for enrolment, or be eligible for enrolment at the school in terms of the Department's enrolment policy for specialist high schools and the requirements of the individual school

OR

 - Students who are in circumstances where they have to board at a school term hostel to access a NSW government secondary school.

Scholarships are valued at \$4,000 in 2008

APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

Further information can be obtained from

Allowances Officer
Rural & Distance Education
PO Box 717
BATHURST NSW 2795
02 6334 8075 or pam.metcalf@det.nsw.edu.au

Application Forms can be obtained from the website at:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentssupport/scholarshipsmore/studentassistance.php>