

Coolamon
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Rotary Scholarship Criteria for Coolamon Central School Year 12 Students

The Rotary Club of Coolamon is pleased to offer a scholarship of \$3,000 to a deserving Year 12 student from Coolamon Central School who will be attending tertiary education in the following year. This scholarship aims to assist students with the financial burden of furthering their education and is designed to support those who demonstrate academic commitment and community involvement. It is intended to assist them in launching their career.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Student Status:

The applicant must be a Year 12 student currently enrolled at Coolamon Central School and planning to attend a recognised tertiary institution (university, vocational education, or other accredited higher learning institution) in the following year.

2. Academic Achievement:

Applicants should demonstrate a solid academic record. While the scholarship is not solely based on academic excellence, applicants must show consistent effort in their studies and a commitment to achieving their educational goals.

3. Community Engagement:

Applicants should have a demonstrated involvement in their local community through volunteering, extracurricular activities, or other forms of service. Rotary values individuals who contribute to the community and seek to make a positive impact.

4. Personal Statement:

Applicants must submit up to a one-page personal statement outlining their goals for tertiary education, future career aspirations, and why they believe they are deserving of the scholarship. The statement should also reflect their connection to the values of Rotary, including service to others, community involvement, and personal growth.

5. Rural Focused:

Applicants should indicate their commitment to a particular profession or trade that is currently experiencing workforce shortages in regional Australia.

Application Process:

1. Application Period:

Applications open in April and close in June. All applications must be submitted before the closing date.

2. Interview Process:

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview with two members of the Rotary Club of Coolamon and the Careers Adviser of Coolamon Central School. This interview provides the opportunity for applicants to further demonstrate their suitability for the scholarship and why the scholarship would be beneficial for their tertiary studies.

3. School Recommendations:

Coolamon Central School will collaborate with Rotary in providing recommendations for applicants based on satisfactory academic performance, community involvement, and personal character within Coolamon Central School.

4. Scholarship Award:

The winner of the scholarship will be notified by September. The scholarship will be presented at a Rotary event at the end of the year. Half of the scholarship (\$1,500) will be provided on the confirmed enrolment of the applicant and the second half (\$1,500) provided in the middle of their first year of study after the submission of a satisfactory pass in their studies.

Selection Criteria:

The scholarship recipient will be selected based on the following factors:

- Academic performance and potential.
- Demonstrated involvement in the local community and commitment to service.
- Personal character, dependability and reliability.
- The quality of the personal statement and the ability to articulate future goals and aspirations.
- Recommendations from Coolamon Central School.

Additional Information:

- The Rotary Scholarship is a one-time award to assist with educational costs such as tuition, accommodation, computer/laptop, travel, textbooks, and other related expenses.
- The decision of the Rotary Club of Coolamon is final, and the winner will be notified no later than September.
- Rotary offers a number of youth leadership and development programs in the district and the Rotary Club of Coolamon may also offer ongoing opportunities for engagement with the recipient during their tertiary studies, encouraging continued community involvement and leadership development.

We look forward to receiving applications from our talented and community-minded students. The Rotary Scholarship represents an investment in your future, and we are excited to support the recipient in their educational journey.

For further details or questions, please contact Coolamon Central School or the Rotary Club of Coolamon.