



Deafness Foundation

EDUCATION ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS

The Education Encouragement Awards recognise the effort and level of commitment required from deaf and hearing impaired students. The Awards aim to encourage students in the pursuit of training and qualifications.

The following Awards will be presented:

- **Secondary student award of \$2,000**
Open to students in years 10, 11 & 12
- **Post-secondary student award of \$3,000**
Open to students enrolled in post-secondary studies, including university, TAFE institutes, apprenticeships and traineeships.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Applicants must:

- be deaf or have a permanent hearing loss in both ears.
 - If the student wears hearing aids or has a hearing loss, a current audiogram, performed by a qualified audiologist must be provided with the application.
 - If the student uses a cochlear implant, a statement from the Cochlear Implant Clinic, a Teacher of the Deaf, or a Disability Liaison Officer that a cochlear implant is used must be provided.
- be currently attending a Victorian educational institution or be enrolled with an educational institution in Victoria.
- be nominated by a person who can provide supporting evidence for the nomination (teachers, aides, interpreters, tutors, course coordinators, families/caregivers).
- be a permanent resident of Australia

APPLICATIONS:

- To be completed and submitted for consideration, appraisal and final selection by the closing date each year. **Nominations close 30 June.**

Selection will be by a panel and a process of shortlisting will be used. Interviews may be required. The decision of the Education Committee is final and no further discussion will be entered into.

The winner of each Education Encouragement Award will be notified in writing. The successful applicant will be invited to an event where the presentation of the award will take place.

The Foundation reserves the right to publish information about the Award winner.

All applications will be acknowledged.

Additional copies may be photocopied



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[Applicants must complete this pro-forma]

NAME: _____

AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTCODE: _____

VOICE PHONE: (BH) _____ (AH) _____

TTY: (BH) _____ (AH) _____

EMAIL: _____

FAX: _____ SMS: _____

PREFERRED METHOD OF CONTACT: _____

YEAR LEVEL: _____

SCHOOL/COLLEGE/EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION CURRENTLY ATTENDING:

STUDIES CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN:

CURRENT LEVEL OF STUDIES: _____

ARE YOU A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF AUSTRALIA? YES NO

APPLICANT NOMINATED BY: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____

CONTACT NUMBERS:

PHONE: _____ BH _____ AH _____

SIGNATURE (Applicant): _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE (Nominator): _____ DATE: _____



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Where did you hear about this award? _____

Summary Statement: Why should the selection panel choose you for an award?

Please attach a current audiogram
(or see page 1 for further details)



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[Nominator to complete this pro-forma]

Please note: Referees must be willing to be contacted to add further information if requested by the selection sub-committee

NAME: _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: (H) _____ (W) _____

How long have you known the applicant?

Reasons for nominating the applicant?

How do you see the applicant benefiting from the Award?

How does the applicant contribute to the school and community?

Any other supporting evidence?



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Checklist for Applicants

Before you post this application, have you:

- included your most recent audiogram or statement of cochlear implant use?
- completed all sections?
- indicated your preferred method of contact?
- addressed all the criteria:
 - your level of commitment in pursuing further education or training?
 - how you would see the award helping you?
 - your contribution to your school and/or community?
 - your ambitions for the future?
- addressed the criteria in **no more** than 2 type written pages?
- included your referee's statement?