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AMA Queensland Foundation Medical Scholarship

AIM OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

To assist financially disadvantaged medical students to study the MBBS course or equivalent at a university in Queensland.

SCHOLARSHIP OFFER

- One-off award of \$5,000 paid in two equal instalments.
- Free AMA Queensland student membership for the duration of the degree.
- Up to two scholarships may be awarded per year.
- All applicants are eligible to reapply in subsequent years.

KEY DATES

Applications open **1 November** and close **28 February**. Applications received after 5pm on 28 February will not be considered.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for an AMA Queensland Foundation medical scholarship an applicant must:

- Be an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent visa holder;
- Have commenced the MBBS program at a Queensland university;
- Have a GPA of 4.0 or above;
- Demonstrate financial disadvantage (refer to application form found at www.ama.com.au/qld/donate/foundation);
- Demonstrate evidence of personal effort to address his/her financial need i.e has the applicant applied for Centrelink assistance via start-up or relocation grant? Has the applicant considered other scholarship options? Does the applicant's family have the financial capacity to offer support?
- Be enrolled as a full-time student. In exceptional circumstances, a scholarship may be provided to a part-time student (e.g. taking into account requirements to undertake employment to maintain financial solvency, the impact of disability and/or significant care responsibilities, etc.)
- Provide a suitable referee who may support the request for financial assistance.

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CONDITIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP

- To retain an AMA Queensland Foundation scholarship, the recipient must remain in good academic standing with a GPA of 4.0 or above. If a student is excluded from study under any university policy, the scholarship is suspended.
- Recipients are encouraged to become an AMA Queensland ambassador and assist where possible at student events/orientations and AMA Queensland Community Health Hubs within their region.
- Prior to receipt of the second installment, recipients will be asked to provide a progress update and images to the AMA Queensland Foundation on the activities they have performed and personal accounts of how the scholarship has aided their situation. Recipients consent to their updates being used in AMA Queensland publications.
- In the event that the recipient is granted an approved leave of absence, the scholarship shall be suspended for a maximum of twelve months.
- The recipient must not be in receipt of: the Centrelink Start-Up or Relocation Grant; a Commonwealth or State Scholarship; or an Indigenous Access Scholarship.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION FORM

- Personal details - completed (refer to application form found at www.ama.com.au/qld/donate/foundation)
- Certified copy of proof of citizenship
- Curriculum vitae
- Certified copy of academic records
- Documented financial situation and gross household income reported to the Australian Tax Office for the previous financial year. Centrelink income statement letter if relevant

SUPPORTING STATEMENT (MAXIMUM 500 WORDS ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING)

- **Personal Background** - general background, home environment, personal illness, disability, educational disruption, challenges experienced etc.
- **Career goals and aims** - what is your motivation behind choosing to study MBBS?
- **Scholarship benefit** - why do you require financial assistance? How will this scholarship assist you to successfully complete your studies? How will you use the funds?
- **Family** - what are you and/or your family sacrificing financially in order for you to attend university? Does your family have the financial capacity to support you through your university degree? Have other members of your family attended university, or are you the first?

SELECTION PROCESS

- The award of the scholarship shall be made by the Selection Committee, which shall comprise a minimum of three members of the AMA Queensland Foundation Board.
- The Selection Committee reserves the right not to award a Scholarship in any year if, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, there is no applicant of sufficient merit to warrant an award.
- The Selection Committee may require applicants to undertake an interview as part of their application.
- The Selection Committee will determine all matters relating to the selection process.
- A recipient may reapply in subsequent years.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship shall be administered by the AMA Queensland Foundation Coordinators in consultation with relevant universities.

HOW TO APPLY

Download and complete the AMA Queensland Foundation Medical Scholarship application form found at www.ama.com.au/qld/donate/foundation

