



NSW Teachers Federation 2019 FUTURE TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS



INFORMATION

The NSW Teachers Federation (NSWTF) is a Union that works to promote public education, as well as defend and improve teaching and learning conditions in public schools, TAFE and other public education workplaces.

The Future Teacher Scholarships are an example of the Federation's ongoing support for public education and the Union's commitment to building and supporting the teaching profession in public schools.

This year the NSW Teachers Federation is providing 15 Future Teacher Scholarships, with a value of \$4000 each, 2 of which are funded on behalf of the Retired Teachers Association.

The NSW Teachers Federation Future Teacher Scholarships Committee will award 15 scholarships to successful applicants across the following five (5) categories:

- ★ Future teachers (Open to all applicants);
- ★ Future teachers who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander;
- ★ Future teachers from a rural or remote area (significant distance from the nearest tertiary institution);
- ★ Future teachers in their first year of a teacher education program; and
- ★ Future teachers from a Language Background Other Than English (LBOTE).

Applicants may nominate more than one category of scholarship in their application if appropriate.

One scholarship will be awarded to an applicant who demonstrates a strong commitment to the environment and social justice causes in memory of the late John Kaye.

In order to be considered, tertiary students must:

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident;
- be enrolled in an NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) accredited initial teacher education program in NSW;
- be a student member of the NSW Teachers Federation;
- have completed year 12 (or equivalent) at a public school or TAFE, preferably within NSW*;
- complete the application process including addressing, in writing, each of the appropriate sections in the application form and submitting a demonstration of understanding of the value of public education and the value of unions to society; and
- address the criteria unique to the scholarship category/s for which they have applied.

* These scholarships recognise the contribution of NSW public school teachers and their commitment to public education and their Union.

As the NSW Teachers Federation seeks to assist as many aspiring public education teachers as possible, previous scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply.

**Applications close at 4pm on Friday 26 April 2019
Late applications WILL NOT be considered.**

Where possible, applications should be made online: www.nswtf.org.au/pages/future-teacher-scholarships.html

Applications can also be submitted:

By post: Future Teacher Scholarships Committee
NSW Teachers Federation
Locked Bag 3010
Darlinghurst NSW 1300

IMPORTANT: Standard mail arriving after 4pm Friday 26 April will be deemed late; Express Post posted on or before Wednesday 24 April will be accepted after the deadline if a receipt to verify the date mailed is also enclosed.

Hand delivery: Ground Floor Reception, Teachers Federation House
23 – 33 Mary St, Surry Hills NSW 2010

Email: futureteachers@nswtf.org.au

Fax: 02 9217 2368

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can part-time students apply?

Yes. All students who are enrolled in an Education degree, studying full time or part time are eligible to apply.

What are the odds of receiving a scholarship?

The number of applications for each scholarship category varies each year. Your original written response demonstrating that you 'understand the value of public education, the value of unions to society and your commitment to both' will be the major deciding factor in the Committee's determination of the successful recipients.

Do I have to put in an application for each category?

No. In your application, you can nominate each category under which you would like your application considered, but you must complete the corresponding section i.e. if you identify as Aboriginal and are also from a rural or remote area, you may apply under each category but **MUST** complete both section G and section I in order to be considered for both.

What if I forget to include something?

Any applications with missing or incomplete information by the application deadline of Friday 26 April 2019 will not qualify for consideration. If the incomplete or missing information is submitted before the application deadline it will be included with your application.

If you do not provide information or a response to support consideration under a specific category, your application will be considered under the Open category only.

Who can be my referee?

Your referee must be a **financial member of the NSW Teachers Federation** but not a student member. Your referee can be a family member. A personal reference (written by a referee), is a reference provided by someone who knows you and can attest to your character and abilities. It is important that this person be known to you so that you get the most out of your reference.

The NSW Teachers Federation cannot supply you with a list of our members that live in your area as that would be a breach of confidentiality. We suggest contacting the school you attended, or a school where you have done professional experience, for a referee.

How do I know if my application has been successful?

Applications submitted online will receive an automated acknowledgement. All applicants will have their application receipt acknowledged by email.

Applications are evaluated by the Future Teacher Scholarship Committee. The Committee's recommendations are then submitted to the NSW Teachers Federation Executive for endorsement.

All applicants will receive a letter advising them of the outcome of their application. This is *usually* sent out by early June, however timing varies slightly each year.

How can the scholarship be used?

The scholarship is provided to assist with educational expenses directly related to teacher training, such as a laptop, textbooks, computer software, stationery, printing etc. Receipts may be required to verify any expenses claimed.

The Federation may contact you regarding opportunities for the promotion of the scholarship and public education.

Change of details

If your details change after you have submitted your application (change of address, change of email, change of name) please **advise the NSW Teachers Federation as soon as possible** as the contact details on your application will be used to advise you of the outcome. This can be done by email to futureteachers@nswtf.org.au or by contacting the Membership section on 1300 654 363.



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APPLICATION FORM

A. Member Information

Name: _____ Member No.: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Mobile: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

I identify as Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander LBOTE (Language Background Other Than English)
 Male Female Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified

B. Scholarship Categories

The scholarship categories I wish to apply for are:

(Tick all categories that apply)

- Open (All future teachers)
- Future teacher that identifies as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. Please complete **section G**.
- Future teacher from a Language Background Other Than English (LBOTE). Please complete **section H**.
- Future teacher from a rural or remote area. Please complete **section I**.
- Future teacher in my first year of a teacher training course.

C. Education Details

(Answer all questions)

Name of NSW Public School / TAFE college attended in Year 12: _____

Name of current Tertiary Institution: _____

Name of teacher education program: _____

Current year of study (eg 2nd year / final year): _____

It is my intention to teach in a NSW Public Preschool Primary School High School *(Please tick)*

For High School, please specify the subject/s you will be qualified to teach: _____

D. Supporting Documentation

(Submit copies of all of these documents)

I have attached the following:

- An original, one-page submission demonstrating my understanding of
- The value of public education
 - The value of unions to society and
 - My commitment to both
- My birth certificate, Australian passport *or* other proof of Australian citizenship / permanent residency, signed and certified by a JP
- The Statement of Understanding, signed and certified by a JP
- Proof of enrolment for 2019 for the teacher education program at my Tertiary Institution
- My previous year's academic results *or* HSC results (for first year students) certified by a JP
- My referee's statement of support, from a current financial NSW Teachers Federation member



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E. Commitment to Public Education and the NSW Teachers Federation

My commitment can be demonstrated by the following:

*(Tick **all** that apply)*

- I have registered for NSWTF SMS and email updates on current issues
- I have attended my local NSWTF Association meetings at:
- I have obtained information about current NSWTF campaigns from a variety of sources
- I have attended a NSWTF Graduate Teacher Seminar at:
- I am a member of my university's student union
- Other:

F. Referee Details

*(Referee to complete, **not** applicant)*

Name:

Member No.:

Workplace:

Mobile:

Work Phone:

Email:

- I am a current financial member of the NSW Teachers Federation and I have typed and signed the attached statement of support (100 - 200 words)

Referee Signature:

Date:

G. Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Category

For those applying under this category, you must:

- *Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent*
- *Identify as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander*
- *Be accepted as such by the community in which you live*

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING:

As an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person, briefly describe your involvement with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander education and/or your local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities:



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H. Language Background Other Than English (LBOTE) Category

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING:

As a person from a language background other than English, briefly describe your experience with multicultural education and/or multicultural communities:

I. Rural and Remote Category

PLEASE ADVISE:

My family home is in / near the town of:

My tertiary institution is _____ km from my family home.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING (SOU)

It is agreed between the NSW Teachers Federation (the Union) and _____
that as an applicant for the Future Teacher Scholarships I am: (Insert Name)

- An Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia;
- A student member of the NSW Teachers Federation and is currently enrolled in a teacher education program in New South Wales; and
- Not currently employed by the NSW Department of Education or any other Education employer as a teacher.

As an applicant for the Future Teacher Scholarships I also agree to the conditions for a successful recipient set by the Union, as follows:

- The Future Teacher Scholarship provided by the Union is to be used solely for educational expenses and I agree to provide the Union with receipts for such expenses on request.
- I will undertake to use my best endeavours to obtain employment in NSW public education on becoming qualified as a teacher.
- I will assist the Union with the promotion of public education and the Future Teacher Scholarships scheme.
- I will advise the Union of any change of circumstances (such as changing to a non-education course) and will return the \$4000 or part thereof as determined by the Union.
- The written submission provided to the Union is an original work by me and may be published wholly or in part by the Union.

Signature of Future Teacher

Date

Justice of the Peace

Date

JP Number



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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

NSW Teachers Federation Member Referral

A short (100 – 200 words) supporting statement is required from a current financial member of the NSW Teachers Federation. The statement should explain why the member, as a referee, has chosen to support your scholarship application.*

**student members cannot act as a referee for scholarship applicants*

Statement of Support for (Name) _____

I confirm that I have written this statement and that I may be contacted by the Federation for verification.

Referee Name

Date

Referee Signature

Member Number



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GUIDELINES: The Application Form

Where possible, applications should be made on-line www.nswtf.org.au/pages/future-teacher-scholarships
When attaching scanned documents to the on-line application form, please use .pdf where possible.

A. Member Information

If you are not already a student member of the NSW Teachers Federation, please complete a student membership form on-line www.nswtf.org.au/forms/student-membership-application-form and leave the 'Member No.' field on the form blank.

If you have already applied for student membership but have not yet received your membership number, please write the word "APPLIED" in the 'Member No.' field.

B. Scholarship Categories

All applicants are eligible for the **Open** category. You can apply for consideration under any of the additional categories if you meet the criteria of that category.

If you are applying for consideration under the **Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander** category, the **Language Background Other Than English** category or **Rural or Remote** category, you **MUST** complete the relevant additional section (see below).

C. Education Details

You are required to answer all questions. If you did not complete year 12, indicate your final year of secondary study and the public school or TAFE college attended. If you did not attend a public school within NSW, please name the school and town* where your public school was located.

**please include State, and Country if outside Australia*

D. Documents to attach to your application form

Note: 'JP' refers to a Justice of the Peace. JPs are usually located at banks and/or post offices and some universities.

1. Original Submission

Your original, one-page submission demonstrating your understanding of the value of public education, the value of unions to society and your commitment to both of these should be one **A4 page only, in 11-point** of a standard business font (Arial, Times New Roman, Calibri). Your submission will be a major deciding factor in the Committee's recommendation of successful scholarship recipients and may be used for publication.

2. Australian Citizenship or Permanent Residency

A copy of your birth certificate, passport or other document/s proving Australian Citizenship or permanent residency must be submitted, certified by a JP. **Please DO NOT send originals.**

3. Statement of Understanding (SOU)

The SOU indicates that you agree to the conditions of the scholarship should you be successful, and is on page 3 of your application form. You need to have your signature witnessed by a JP.

4. Proof of Enrolment in 2019

This **MUST** be for an NESA accredited tertiary teacher education program, in which you are currently enrolled, not planning to enrol in the future.

5. Previous year's academic results OR HSC results

A copy of your results for the previous year of tertiary study or, if you are a first-year education student, a copy of your HSC should be certified by a JP and included in your application. **Please DO NOT send originals if mailing.**

6. Your Referee's Statement of Support

Your referee needs to complete **section F** of the application form. A template for the statement has also been included in the application form, page 4.



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E. Commitment to Public Education and the NSW Teachers Federation

Only tick items that currently apply.

F. Referee Details

Your referee needs to include their details, including their NSWTF member number. The referee also needs to verify that they have typed and signed the statement in support of your application for a Future Teacher Scholarship.

Referees may be contacted to verify their statement.

A student member cannot be a referee for the purposes of a Future Teacher Scholarship application.

G. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander category

If you have nominated in this category, you MUST complete **Section G** in order to be considered. If you have ticked the category but do not address the criteria, you will only be considered under the Open category.

H. Language Background Other Than English (LBOTE) category

If you have nominated in this category, you MUST complete **Section H** in order to be considered. If you have ticked the category but do not address the criteria, you will only be considered under the Open category.

I. Rural or Remote category

If you have nominated in this category, you MUST complete **Section I** in order to be considered. If you have ticked the category but do not address the criteria, you will only be considered under the Open category.

Your Application

You should keep your own copy of everything submitted to NSW Teachers Federation. If you are posting your application DO NOT submit originals of certificates etc. as part of your application. Your application and any documents supporting your application will not be returned to you.

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