**RURAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**APPLICATION FORM**

### ***The Victorian Government has launched the Excellence in Teacher Education reforms to improve the quality of teaching in Victoria.***

There are many pathways for gaining entry into teaching degrees, ensuring prospective candidates from diverse backgrounds and life stages have the opportunity to pursue a career in teaching, without compromising the quality of their preparation as teachers.

The Victorian Government is offering scholarships to eligible candidates from rural Victoria to undertake a high quality course that leads to an initial teacher education qualification.

## **What is available**

Scholarships are available for rural candidates commencing an alternative pathway course that leads to an initial teacher education qualification in 2018.

A limited number of scholarships are also available for rural candidates commencing a postgraduate initial teacher education qualification in 2018.



**Who can apply?**

To be eligible for support, applicants must:

* live in rural Victoria
* be commencing a course that provides a pathway to an initial teacher education qualification **or** be commencing a postgraduate initial teacher education course
* demonstrate an interest in working as a teacher in a Victorian government school.

Applications are invited from rural candidates commencing a course that leads to an initial teacher education qualification. See eligible courses at [www.education.vic.gov.au/teachingpathways](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/teachingpathways)

## **How do I apply?**

Details about how to apply, eligible courses and frequently asked questions (FAQs) are available at [www.education.vic.gov.au/teachingpathways](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/teachingpathways)

Applications open 1 November 2017

Applications close 31 January 2018

## **For more information**

Email: scholarship@edumail.vic.gov.au

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| **PERSONAL DETAILS** |
| Title: | [ ] Ms [ ] Mrs [ ] Mr [ ] Other |
| Surname:  |  |
| Given Name(s):  |  |
| Date of Birth: | / /  |
| Gender: | [ ] Male [ ] Female |
| Are you an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia? [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| Are you of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin? [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| Do you speak a language other than English at home? [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| If ‘yes’, what language do you speak?  |

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| **CONTACT DETAILS** |
| Home Address: |
| Suburb: | State:  | Postcode:  |
| Home Phone: | Mobile: |
| Email: *(Required – please print clearly as you will be contacted via email)* |
| Postal Address: [ ] Same as above |
| Address:  |
| Suburb:  | State:  | Postcode:  |

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| **EDUCATION DETAILS** |
| Have you completed Year 12? [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| Name of school:  |
| What year did you complete Year 12?  |
| What was your ATAR score?  |
| If you didn’t complete Year 12, what is your highest level of schooling?[ ] Certificate [ ] Diploma [ ] Undergraduate Degree[ ] Postgraduate Degree[ ] Year 11 [ ] Year 10 |

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| **CURRENT STUDY PROPOSAL** |
| From the list of academic institutions below, please indicate the **course** and **campus** at which you will study: |

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| **Australian Catholic University** |
| [ ]  Diploma in Educational Studies (Tertiary Preparation) | [ ]  Ballarat campus |
| [ ]  Certificate IV in Education Support (Pathway) | [ ]  Ballarat campus |
| **Deakin University** |
| [ ]  Associate Degree of Education | [ ]  Waurn Ponds campus[ ]  Warrnambool campus |
| **Federation University** |
| [ ]  Bachelor of Education Studies | [ ]  Mt Helen campus[ ]  Churchill campus |
| [ ]  Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care | [ ]  Mt Helen campus |
| **La Trobe University** |
| [ ]  Bachelor of Educational Studies | [ ]  Bendigo campus |
| **Monash University** |
| [ ]  Diploma of Tertiary Studies | [ ]  Peninsula campus |
| [ ]  Diploma of Higher Education | [ ]  Clayton campus |

**Initial Teacher Education courses**

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| **The University of Melbourne** |  |
| [ ]  Master of Teaching (Early Childhood/Primary) | [ ]  Parkville campus |
| [ ]  Master of Teaching (Primary) | [ ]  Parkville campus |
| [ ]  Master of Teaching (Secondary) | [ ]  Parkville campus |

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| **COURSE DETAILS** |
| What is the commencement date of your course? | / /  |
| What is the expected completion date of your course? |  / /  |
| What is your study load? | [ ] Full Time | [ ] Part Time |
| What is your study mode? | [ ] On campus  | [ ] External [ ] Online  |
| What are your tuition fees for the entire course? | **$** |
| **You must provide evidence from the University that you are enrolled in the course.** |
| **OTHER FUNDING** |
| Have you received or applied for funding to complete this course from another source?**If ‘yes’, please attach details.** | [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| Have you received financial support from the Department of Education and Training in the past?**If ‘yes’, please attach details.** | [ ] Yes [ ] No |

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| **PERSONAL STATEMENT** |
| In the section below, please provide a personal statement that includes information about:* Why you are undertaking the course
* Why you want to become a qualified teacher
* How the scholarship will assist you.

Your response should be no more than ½ page |
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| **APPLICANT DECLARATION** |
| I agree to have my name used in promotional material about the Rural Scholarship Program[ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No****To the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided is true and correct.****I have read both the Fact Sheet and the Frequently Asked Questions document. I understand that support is allocated at the discretion of the Department of Education and Training and that the decision of the Department is final.** |
| **Applicant Name:**  | **Date:** |
| **Signature:** |

**Privacy Statement**

The Department has an information privacy policy and handles personal information in accordance with the Victorian Privacy laws - the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Victoria) and Health Records Act 2001.

You can access the Department’s privacy policy at [**http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx**](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx)

**Participation in Data Collection**

To assist with workforce planning, the Department asks applicants to provide their contact details for a period of 5 years. Information may be sought from applicants over this period to analyse the effectiveness of the program and to inform future workforce policies and initiatives.

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED**

**Ensure you have completed all items listed below before submitting your application.**

* **All sections of Application Form complete**

Do not leave any sections blank

* **Contact information, including address, phone numbers and email address is supplied** (our preferred method of contact is by email)
* **Personal Statement** completed
* **Other Funding information has been provided, if applicable**

If you have received other funding for this course or previous funding in the past from the Department please attach relevant documentation

* **Enrolment confirmation attached.**

**Your application will not be processed unless all sections of the Application Form have been filled out correctly and all supporting documentation has been provided.**

**Submit your application**

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| Post to:Project Officer Rural Scholarship ProgramProfessional Practice and Workforce ReformDepartment of Education and TrainingPO Box 4367Melbourne VIC 3001 | Email to:scholarship@edumail.vic.gov.au |

**All applications submitted via email must be in either MSWord or PDF formats only.**