Information and Guidelines for South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools – Catholic Country Teaching Scholarships 2017

Scholarship Details

The South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools provides scholarships to encourage and attract students who are passionate about commencing a teaching career in a Catholic country school.

$2,500 per year (to a maximum of $5,000) is available for students in their final two years of a full time teacher education program at a tertiary institution in South Australia. Students in their final year are also encouraged to apply for a one year scholarship.

South Australian country areas are defined as areas a minimum of 70 km away from the Adelaide GPO.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants will be:

- Current undergraduates enrolled in a teacher education program at a tertiary institution in South Australia in their third or fourth year; or
- Graduate students with an appropriate degree who are completing a post graduate teacher education program at a tertiary institution in South Australia (including a Masters of Education);
- An Australian citizen or permanent resident.

Payment

The scholarship is intended to assist students with their academic expenses. Scholarship payments are subject to successful completion of the previous semester's work.

Scholarship holders will be required to submit a certified copy of their academic results at the end of each semester to receive the next semester's payment.

Requirements

Scholarship holders will be expected upon successful completion of the teacher education program to make every effort to apply and secure a teaching position in a Catholic country school. Any obligation to make applications will cease 12 months after completion of teacher education studies.

Scholarship recipients are not as part of this program provided with a country position. Schools make their own selection decision and therefore scholarship holders must make an appropriate application for advertised positions and are considered equally on their merits with other applicants.

Minimum employment requirements of all teachers in the Catholic Education system must also be met including but not limited to Teacher Registration in South Australia and successful clearance of Catholic Education screening processes. Scholarships cannot be deferred for any reason. Scholarship holders are expected to complete their teacher education program in the minimum

time and to commence making applications for employment in a Catholic country school in South Australia at the conclusion of their teacher education program and upon registration as a teacher in SA.

Scholarship Agreement

Those offered a scholarship will be required to sign an agreement signifying their intention to apply for available teaching positions with the aim of securing employment in a South Australian Catholic country school, following the successful completion of their teacher education award.

Scholarship holders who fail to complete their teaching award in the minimum time should expect to refund the amount of scholarship paid in full.

Applications

Applicants are required to complete the application form and attach copies of any education qualification certificates and copies of their latest statement of academic results. A shortlist of applicants will be invited to attend an interview.

The selection process for applicants is based on an eligible applicant's:

- Application Statement addressing as a minimum: commitment to Catholic ethos, teaching in a Catholic country school and aspirations as a teacher
- Resume (brief 2-3 pages max)
- Academic results to date
- 2017 Application Form
- Personal and professional qualities attested to by referees
- Nomination of preferred teaching locations. The preparedness by the applicant to teach in any Catholic country school in South Australia is an advantage. The R-12 Colleges in Whyalla and Port Augusta are designated as "hard to staff" schools in the Catholic sector
- We encourage applications from Indigenous students

Application Forms

Application forms for the Country Teaching Scholarship can be obtained from any of the CESA Website.

Country Teacher Incentives

Incentives are offered to teachers who are employed in Catholic country schools, including an establishment grant and removal expenses. For further information please see the CESA website.

Closing Date

The closing date for applications is:

Monday, 24 July 2017 by 9.00am.

Applications including:

- **Application Statement**
- **Application Form**
- **Resume**
- **Copies of Academic Transcripts to date**

Directed to:

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Further Information

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