

THE GOWRIE SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

In accordance with the Trust Deed, Gowrie Scholarships will be awarded to **members of the Forces** (see Definitions over-page) and children of **members of the Forces**, including, in the discretion of the Trustees, grandchildren or other lineal descendants of such members.

The Trustees offer annually Research Scholarships (normally one or two in number), for research study, to graduates of Australian universities, or to other persons who have completed a course of tertiary education at other recognised institutions in Australia.

The Scholarships will be tenable for up to two years at universities or other recognised research establishments, either in Australia or overseas. The value of the scholarships will be \$4000 per annum.

The Trust Deed requires that the Trustees, in awarding the Scholarships, take into consideration (in addition to educational attainments) character and other activities of the candidates, and show special consideration to lineal descendants of a **member of the Forces** who was killed on active service or who died as a result of any occurrence which happened during his period of **enlistment**.

If other requirements are satisfactory, then financial hardship circumstances will be given special consideration. A candidate, who considers that the financial position justifies such consideration, should present particulars: such information will be treated as confidential. Relevant particulars include:

- (a) Assets such as expendable capital, income, assistance expected from other sources such as family and other Scholarships.
- (b) Liabilities including tuition fees, accommodation costs, living expenses and other relevant expenses.

Applications

Applications, in duplicate, on the prescribed form, must be submitted by 31 October (for awards to commence in the following year) as follows:

Original to the Registrar of the University of graduation, or to the Principal or registrar of other tertiary institution (as applicable), and

Duplicate copy to the Trustees, The Gowrie Scholarship Trust Fund, 3/32 Beaconsfield Road, Mosman, NSW 2088.

Full information must be given in every particular required on the application form. If space is insufficient, a separate statement should be added.

Applications from final years students who have not graduated at the time of application will receive consideration provided that they are otherwise eligible and are recommended by their university or other institution.

Awards will be decided by the Trustees normally in March, and all candidates will be advised. The Scholarships will commence at the start of the academic year of the university, or other institution, at which (or under the direction of which) the research is to be pursued. Where necessary they will be made retrospective to that date.

DEFINITIONS

1. “Members of the Forces” means a person who is, or has been, during the War –
 - (a) a member of the Naval, Military or Air Force of the Commonwealth of Australia **and during the war serves, or has served on active service;**
 - (b) a member of the Royal Australian Naval Nursing Service, the Australian Army Nursing Service, the Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service, the Women’s Royal Australian Naval Service, the Australian Women’s Army Service, the Australian Army Medical Women’s Service or the Women’s Auxiliary Australian Air Force or was employed on a full-time paid duty as a member of the Voluntary Aid Detachment, **and during the war serves, or has served on active service;**
 - (c) a member of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of any part of the Queen’s dominions other than the Commonwealth of Australia, **and during the war serves, or has served, on active service outside that part of the Queen’s dominions or in a theatre of war,** on proof to the satisfaction of the Trustees, that he was resident in Australia or in a Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia within the period of twelve months prior to his enlistment for service; or
 - (d) a member of any nursing service of, or other women’s service auxiliary to the Naval, Military or Air Forces of any part of the Queen’s dominions, other than the Commonwealth of Australia, **and during the war serves, or has served, on active service outside that part of the Queen’s dominions or in a theatre of war,** on proof to the satisfaction of the Trustees, that she was resident in Australia or in a Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia within the period of twelve months prior to her enlistment for service.
2. “Active Service” means war service by a member of the Forces –
 - (a) on a ship of war engaged in sea-going operations beyond the territorial waters of Australia;
 - (b) outside Australia;
 - (c) in the case of a member who embarked for service abroad or in the Territories of the Commonwealth outside Australia, after the vessel or aircraft on which the member proceeded outside Australia had departed from the port or aerodrome at which the member embarked; or
 - (d) within Australia –
 - (i) in such areas as are prescribed as combat areas for the purpose of the Australian Soldiers Repatriation Act during such periods as are prescribed, and under such conditions as are prescribed;
 - (ii) at any place at which the member has been injured or has contracted disease as a result of enemy action;
 - (iii) in actual combat against the enemy; or
 - (iv) in such circumstances as, in the opinion of the Repatriation Commission appointed under the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act, should be deemed to be actual combat against the enemy; and includes any service which would, when the question arises, be deemed to be active service within the meaning of any part of the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act.
3. “Served in a theatre of war” means served at sea, in the field or in the air, in naval, military or aerial operations against the enemy in an area, or on an aircraft or ship of war, at a time when danger from hostile forces of the enemy was incurred in that area or on that aircraft or ship of war by the person so serving.
4. “Children” includes step-children, adopted children and ex-nuptial children.
5. “Enlistment” includes appointment or calling up for continuous service.
6. **“The War” means the war which commenced on the third day of September 1939 and concluded in 1945.**