



EDUCATION ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS Guidelines for Nomination of Students

Deafness Foundation Education Encouragement Awards recognise the challenges experienced by students who are deaf or hard of hearing in their effort to access and complete education and training. It is envisaged that these awards will significantly facilitate the students' ability to complete future study.

1 Awards

1.1 Secondary Student Awards

Value: \$2,000 each

Category: Open to students currently in Years 10 or 11 at time of nomination and will be in Year 11 or 12 in following year.

1.2 Post-Secondary Student Awards

Value: \$3,000 each

Category: Open to students currently in Year 12 at time of nomination or students currently enrolled in Post-Secondary studies, including University, TAFE Institutes, Apprenticeships and Traineeships. Students must be studying in the year following nomination.

2 Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be deaf or have a permanent hearing loss in both ears.
 - If the student wears hearing aids, a current audiogram performed by a qualified audiologist must be included with the completed application.
 - If the student has a cochlear implant, a statement from a Cochlear Implant Clinic, a Teacher of the Deaf, or a Disability Liaison Officer (or equivalent) in a tertiary institution that a cochlear implant is used must be provided.
- Be a student in a school in a State or Territory of Australia.
- Be nominated by a person who can provide supporting evidence for the nomination [e.g. Teachers, Aides, Interpreters, Tutors, Course Coordinators, Families / Caregivers].
- Be a Permanent Resident of Australia.
- Must not be a previous recipient of a Deafness Foundation Education Encouragement Award. Prior unsuccessful applicants may reapply.

3 Nominations

- Nomination Forms must be submitted by 31 October annually.
- Nominations must be signed by the nominee and supported by their nominator.
- All Forms **must be submitted electronically** to educationawards@deafness.org.au and include all attachments requested.
- All Nominations will be acknowledged by Deafness Foundation.
- If you do not receive acknowledgement within 5 working days, please contact Deafness Foundation on 03 9738 2909.

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4 Selection and Notification

- Selection will be by a panel and a process of shortlisting will be used.
- Interviews may be required – these can be conducted via technology if required.
- Decisions of the Board of Deafness Foundation, based on recommendations of the Grants Committee will be final.
- The winner of each Education Encouragement Award will be notified in writing.
- The successful applicant will be invited to the Deafness Foundation Grants & Awards Presentation evening held in February the following year. Interstate candidates are not expected to attend, however are most welcome to.

5 Expectations of Award Winners

Deafness Foundation requires the successful awardees to agree to the following:

- Provide a report on how the funds are being used to assist education by 31 August following remittance of funds.
- Attend in person to accept the award at Deafness Foundation Grants & Awards Presentation Evening in February of the following year if from Victoria. Funds for travel and/or accommodation are not provided by Deafness Foundation.
- Deafness Foundation may invite at least one Education Encouragement Awardee to attend and share their story at the Annual General Meeting of Deafness Foundation.
- Provide written permission for Deafness Foundation to utilise photograph/s and story for public relations including Annual Report, website, social media and press releases. For awardees under 18, this is to be provided by parent or guardian.

For further information, please contact:

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