

PREMIER'S ANZAC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2022

Student Application Guidelines

Student application opening date:	9:00 am, 14 February 2022
Student application closing date and time:	11:59 pm, 28 March 2022
Administering Entity:	NSW Office for Veterans Affairs Department of Communities and Justice
Enquiries:	If you have enquiries, please contact the NSW Office for Veterans Affairs Email: PremierScholarship@veterans.nsw.gov.au



1. Introduction

These guidelines contain information relating to:

- a) the process for selecting NSW high school students for the 2022 Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship
- b) the eligibility criteria and conditions to apply for a 2022 Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship

Applicants and their parents/guardians must read these Guidelines before filling out an application.

2. About the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship

Established by the NSW Government in 2008, the purpose of the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship is to give high school history students the opportunity to travel on a study tour to develop their knowledge and understanding of the history of Australians at war.

In 2022, up to 20 scholarships are available to eligible high school students. The scholarship is a fully funded position on a prestigious two-week study tour led by a military historian including meals, activities, travel, accommodation, and uniform. Scholarship recipients who have difficult financial circumstances may also be considered for additional support such as for travel to and from the pre-tour meeting, and travel to and from the study tour.

The itinerary of the study tour will include significant places across Sydney, regional New South Wales, and interstate locations. The tour will take place in the 2022 Spring school holidays (26 September to 7 October 2022). The final itinerary will be determined closer to the dates of the tour and will be dependent on NSW public health orders and travel restrictions.

The program is managed and delivered by the [NSW Office for Veterans Affairs](#) (OVA) which sits within the NSW Department of Communities and Justice. The OVA delivers the tour in partnership with a specialist education tour operator and in consultation with the Department of Education and the History Teachers' Association of NSW.

The key attributes required of Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholars are set out in the eligibility criteria below. These include having a strong interest in history, respect for Australian defence service and being a positive contributor to the community. The study tour is a challenging experience. It includes long days and multiple activities throughout the day and into the evening that can be physically, socially, and emotionally demanding. Because of this it is essential that scholars are resilient, adaptable, and capable of successfully completing the program. Below is an example of a typical day on the tour:

- 0730 *Breakfast in hotel*
- 0815 *Meet at hotel entrance with bags*
- 0830 *Peace Bell in Civic Square*
- 0900 *Booked visit to the Cowra Visitor Information Centre.
Walking tour of the POW Cowra site
Walking tour of Japanese War Cemetery site.*
- 1230 *Lunch at the Japanese Garden and Cultural Centre Café*
- 1330 *Introductory talk followed by self-guided walking tour of Japanese Gardens*
- 1900 *Dinner in Goulburn hotel*
- 2000 *Debrief activity
Walk to Belmore Park (20 minutes each way)*
- 2200 *All students in own rooms and lights out.*

3. Eligibility criteria

To be considered for the 2022 Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship tour, students applying must:

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- be enrolled in Year 10 or 11 at a NSW high school in 2022
- be at least 16 years old by 31 December 2022
- be studying history at a NSW high school in 2022
- display a genuine interest in history, particularly Australian history and the role that war has played in the development of Australia
- demonstrate sincere respect for the service and sacrifice of Australians in times of war and peacekeeping operations
- be civic minded and contribute positively to the community including their school community
- be able to follow very high standards of behaviour, dress and protocol
- be resilient, adaptable, independent and trustworthy
- have excellent communication skills
- be able to complete tasks by specified deadlines
- have the physical and emotional capacity to participate in the tour activities and meet the challenges of group travel
- be fully vaccinated against COVID-19
- be available to attend a full day pre-tour meeting at the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park Sydney on **4 July 2022**
- be available to attend the tour in the Spring school holidays (**Monday 26 September - Friday 7 October 2022**)
- accept the following conditions:
 - o have parental/guardian permission to apply and participate in the program
 - o have a letter of endorsement from their school principal and history teacher
 - o agree to participate in media interviews should they be requested and to appear on official NSW Government websites. The OVA will carefully monitor information that is made public.
 - o to produce a piece/pieces of work as part of the program that may be published on NSW Government media platforms including a research task and speech to be presented on the study tour.

Further information on the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship is available on the [Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship webpage](#).

4. How to apply for a scholarship

Eligible students can apply for a Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship online via SmartyGrants at <https://veteransnsw.smartygrants.com.au/>. Applying students will need to create an OVA SmartyGrants account to complete the application form. A SmartyGrants Help Guide is available at <http://applicanthehelp.smartygrants.com.au/help-guide-for-applicants/>.

Applicants need to attach four key documents to their submission:

- **A 1000-word personal statement:**

Applicants need to write and submit a 1000-word statement about why they would make an excellent Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholar. Students should write their statement in an essay format and respond to the following questions:

 - o **Why do you want to be awarded a Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship?**

- **What qualities do you have that would make you an excellent Premier’s Anzac Memorial Scholar?**
 - **How do you contribute positively to your community including your school community?**
 - **Which topic that you have studied in history have you particularly enjoyed and been engaged by, and what was the most interesting or significant thing you learned in that topic?**
 - **Why do you think it is important to learn about and commemorate the service of Australians in wars and peacekeeping missions?**
- **A copy of a marked history assignment:**
Applicants need to provide a marked history assignment from 2021 or 2022 including the assignment, the grade received and any comments from the marker. Any written format can be submitted such as essays, creative writing and the transcript of a speech.
 - **A letter of recommendation from their school principal and history teacher:**
The letter should be co-signed by the applicant’s principal and their history teacher and follow the template provided on the OVA website [here](#).
 - **A parental/guardian permission form to apply and participate in the tour if selected**
The form is available on the OVA website [here](#).

5. Assessment process and criteria

Applications for a 2022 Premier’s Anzac Memorial Scholarship will be assessed by a panel including representatives from the OVA, the Anzac Memorial, RSL NSW, History Teachers’ Association of NSW and history teachers. Applications will be assessed competitively against set criteria which are provided at Appendix 1 (page 6 of this document).

Up to 20 scholarship positions will be allocated to applicants. A proportional system will be used to ensure equitable representation from Independent/Catholic, NSW Government, regional and metropolitan schools. Applications from students at schools that have not previously sent a student on the PAMS tour may be given special consideration when applicants are shortlisted.

The OVA will contact the schools of shortlisted applicants to conduct a reference check before a scholarship position is offered.

6. Key dates

Applications for the 2022 Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship must be completed and submitted online via SmartyGrants prior to the closing date. Please monitor the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship webpage for updates.

Activity	Timeframe
Student applications open	9:00am, 14 February 2022
Student applications close	11:59pm, 28 March 2022
Students applications are assessed and shortlisted, Reference checks will be conducted with schools	29 March 2022 – 13 May 2022
Selections are finalised and the NSW Minister for Veterans is notified about selection outcomes. Successful and unsuccessful applicants are notified about the outcome of their application.	16 May 2022 - 23 May 2022
Scholars are announced and their details published on the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship website.	Early June 2022
Compulsory pre-tour meeting at the Anzac Memorial in Sydney which must be attended by all scholars and at least one parent/guardian	4 July 2022
Scholars must prepare a research task and presentation for the tour	Due 19 September 2022
Scholars undertake the 2-week study tour	26 September 2022 – 7 October 2022

7. Staff contact

The NSW Office for Veterans Affairs can be contacted to discuss the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship by emailing PremierScholarship@veterans.nsw.gov.au.

Appendix 1: Assessment Criteria and Scoring Matrix for Student Applications

	Excellent Achievement (3 points)	High Achievement (2 points)	Satisfactory Achievement (1 point)
Overall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very close attention to detail and comprehensive responses • Strongly presents as resilient, adaptable, mature, and able to travel independently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close attention to detail and complete responses • Presents as resilient, adaptable, mature, and able to travel independently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satisfactory attention to detail and responses • Presents as somewhat resilient, adaptable, mature, and able to travel independently
Personal Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates exceptional interest in history and the program • Outstanding demonstration of all key attributes of a PAMS scholar (interest in military history, respect for Australians who have served in times of war and peacekeeping operations, positive contributor to the community) • Excellent composition, highly original, thoughtful. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates strong interest in history and the program • Strong demonstration of the key attributes of a PAMS scholar (interest in military history, respect for Australians who have served in times of war and peacekeeping operations, positive contributor to the community) • Good composition, original and thoughtful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates interest in history and the program • Satisfactory demonstration of the key attributes of a PAMS scholar (interest in military history, respect for Australians who have served in times of war and peacekeeping operations, positive contributor to the community) • Satisfactory composition, originality, and reflection
Letter of Endorsement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding evidence provided of how the student meets the assessment criteria. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good evidence provided of how the student meets the assessment criteria. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satisfactory evidence provided of how the student meets the assessment criteria.