



# NSW GOVERNMENT

## Office for Veterans Affairs

### Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship 2023

#### Student Application Guidelines

<b>Student application opening time and date:</b>	<b>9:00 am, 20 January 2023</b>
<b>Student application closing time and date:</b>	<b>11:59 pm, 13 March 2023</b>
<b>Administering Entity:</b>	<b>NSW Government Office for Veterans Affairs</b>
<b>Enquiries:</b>	<b>If you have enquiries, please contact the NSW Office for Veterans Affairs</b>
	<b>Email: <a href="mailto:PremierScholarship@veterans.nsw.gov.au">PremierScholarship@veterans.nsw.gov.au</a></b>



# 1. Introduction

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These Guidelines contain information relating to:

- a. the process for selecting NSW high school students for the 2023 Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship
- b. the eligibility criteria and conditions to apply for a 2023 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

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Managed and delivered by the NSW Government [Office for Veterans Affairs](#) (OVA) the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship gives 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 2023, up to 20 scholarships are available to eligible high school students. The scholarship is a fully funded position on a prestigious study tour accompanied 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 relating to the history of the Second World War in Singapore and Darwin. The tour will take place in the 2023 Spring school holidays, departing on Friday, 22 September and returning to Sydney on Wednesday, 4 October 2023. The full itinerary will be shared closer to the dates of the tour and will be subject to change, depending on circumstances, up to the point of departure and/or during the tour.

The Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship program was established by the NSW Government in 2008. 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, with long days and multiple activities throughout the day and into the evening. Although scholars meet prior to the tour, travelling and sharing accommodation with new acquaintances may be stressful. The busy itinerary, limited downtime and the nature of group travel mean the tour 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:

- 0800 Breakfast in hotel
- 0900 Coach transfer to Darwin Military Museum
- 1130 Visit to the USS Peary Memorial
- 1215 Lunch
- 1300 Walking tour of central Darwin WWII sites including Darwin Cenotaph, Government House, site of the post office, Survivor's Lookout and Darwin Waterfront precinct
- 1430 Tour of Oil Storage Tunnels
- 1530 Swimming at Darwin Waterfront
- 1700 Walk back to hotel
- 1845 Dinner
- 2200 All students in own rooms and lights out.

### 3. Eligibility criteria

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To be considered for the 2023 Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship, students applying must:

- a. be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- b. be enrolled in Year 10 or 11 at a NSW high school in 2023
- c. be at least 16 years old by 31 December 2023
- d. be studying history at a NSW high school in 2023
- e. display a genuine interest in history, particularly Australian history and the role that war has played in the development of Australia
- f. demonstrate sincere respect for the service and sacrifice of Australians in times of war and peacekeeping operations
- g. be civic minded and contribute positively to the community, including their school community
- h. be able to follow very high standards of behaviour, dress, and protocol
- i. be resilient, adaptable, independent, and trustworthy
- j. have excellent communication skills
- k. be able to complete tasks by specified deadlines
- l. have the physical and emotional capacity to participate in the tour activities and meet the challenges of group travel, with unfamiliar students and teachers
- m. be fully vaccinated against COVID-19
- n. be available to attend a full day pre-tour meeting at the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park Sydney on **3 July 2023**
- o. be available to attend the tour in the Spring school holidays (**from around Friday 22 September 2023 for up to 14 days**)
- p. 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
  - o. to obtain a current passport that will be valid for six months beyond the duration of the tour, if awarded a scholarship

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

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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. A 1,000-word essay**

Applicants need to write and submit a 1,000-word essay about why they would make an excellent Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholar. Students should use the basic essay format of Introduction/Body/Conclusion and incorporate responses to the following questions:

- **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?**

**b. A marked History work sample**

Applicants need to provide a recent piece of work completed for History (from 2022 or 2023). This must be a piece of writing and must have been marked by a teacher. It may be an assessment task, assignment, exam/test, or classwork. Students must submit the work sample, the grade received and any comments from the marker.

**c. A letter of recommendation from their school principal and history teacher**

The letter should provide a detailed description of why the student is deserving of the Scholarship and how they meet the eligibility criteria. The letter must be signed by the applicant’s principal and their history teacher and follow the template provided on the OVA website [here](#).

**d. 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**

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Applications for a 2023 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

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Applications for the 2023 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, 20 January 2023
Student applications close	11:59pm, 13 March 2023
Student applications are assessed and shortlisted; reference checks will be conducted with schools	14 March 2023 – 21 April 2023
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.	26 April 2023 – 15 May 2023
Scholars are announced and their details published on the <a href="#">Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship webpage</a> .	Early June 2023
Compulsory pre-tour meeting at the Anzac Memorial in Sydney, which must be attended by all scholars and at least one parent/guardian	3 July 2023
Scholars must prepare a research task and presentation for the tour	Due 18 September 2023
Scholars undertake the 2-week study tour	22 September 2023 – 4 October 2023

## 7. Staff contact

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

## Appendix 1: Assessment Criteria and Scoring Matrix for Student Applications

	Excellent Achievement (10-8 points)	High Achievement (7-4 points)	Satisfactory Achievement (3-1 point)
<b>Overall</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Very close attention to detail</b> and comprehensive responses</li> <li>• <b>Strongly</b> presents as resilient, adaptable, mature, and able to travel independently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Close attention to detail</b> and complete responses</li> <li>• Presents as resilient, adaptable, mature, and able to travel independently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Satisfactory attention to detail</b> and responses</li> <li>• Presents as somewhat resilient, adaptable, mature, and able to travel independently</li> </ul>
<b>Personal Essay</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates <b>exceptional interest</b> in history and the program</li> <li>• <b>Outstanding demonstration of all key attributes of a PAMS scholar</b> (interest in military history, respect for Australians who have served in times of war and peacekeeping operations, positive contributor to the community)</li> <li>• <b>Excellent composition</b>, highly original, thoughtful</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates <b>strong interest</b> in history and the program</li> <li>• <b>Strong demonstration of the key attributes of a PAMS scholar</b> (interest in military history, respect for Australians who have served in times of war and peacekeeping operations, positive contributor to the community)</li> <li>• <b>Good composition</b>, original and thoughtful</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Demonstrates interest</b> in history and the program</li> <li>• <b>Satisfactory demonstration of the key attributes of a PAMS scholar</b> (interest in military history, respect for Australians who have served in times of war and peacekeeping operations, positive contributor to the community)</li> <li>• <b>Satisfactory</b> composition, originality, and reflection</li> </ul>
<b>Letter of Endorsement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Outstanding evidence</b> provided of how the student meets the assessment criteria</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Good evidence</b> provided of how the student meets the assessment criteria</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Satisfactory</b> evidence provided of how the student meets the assessment criteria</li> </ul>