

2019 TOUR – SELECTION GUIDELINES

Scholarship Background

The Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship (PAMS) will fund a study tour for 20 young people to travel to Germany, France and Belgium, during September and October 2019. Students will learn about the causes of the First and Second World Wars, and visit the battlefields where the Anzacs fought, to learn about and commemorate their service.

The PAMS tour is primarily a history tour which has been developed to support the NSW curriculum and students who are studying history will gain the most benefit from attending the tour.

The scholarship will meet most of the costs associated with the tour: international airfares, transfers and coach travel; accommodation, meals, official clothing and additional equipment as required. Please note that the families of successful students will be required to cover the cost of applying for a passport, providing a small amount of spending money for personal items or trip souvenirs and for travel arrangements to Sydney to attend the pre-tour meeting and the farewell briefing.

Scholarship Criteria

A student applying for a Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship must:

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- be enrolled in Year 9 or 10 in 2018
- turn 16 years of age by 27 September 2019, the departure date of the 2019 tour
- be studying history in Year 11, if in Year 11 in 2019
- intend to study history in Year 11 if in Year 10 in 2019
- be a positive contributor to the school community
- be able to follow very high standards of behaviour, dress and protocol
- be independent, trustworthy and able to complete tasks by specified deadlines
- be medically, physically and emotionally fit to participate in the tour
- display a genuine interest in Australian history, including the role that participation in wars has played in the development of Australia.
- accept the following conditions:
 - i. have parental/caregiver permission to participate.
 - ii. agree to participate in media interviews should they be requested and to appear on official NSW Government websites. The Office for Veterans Affairs will carefully monitor information that is made public.
 - iii. produce a piece of work, as part of the scholarship, that may be published.

Selection Process:

Each of the schools drawn in the ballot must run a local process to select and endorse applications from three candidates who are enrolled in either Year 10 or 11 in 2019 and who will turn 16 by 27 September 2019, the date of departure of the tour.

Schools will follow a two-stage selection process:

Stage 1

Students will fill out an application form and submit a piece of work that is centred on one or more of the following themes:

- **The importance of commemoration**
- **The effect of the wars on communities in Australia**

- **The impact of the wars on returned soldiers**
- **The role of women in both wars**

Possible formats include:

- **Essay of 1000 words (word count does not include references or footnotes)**
- **Poem or short story**
- **Video presentation (maximum 3 minutes)**
- **Musical composition – a song or instrumental. A written exposition of 500 words explaining how the composition relates to the chosen theme must be included.**
- **Web page or PowerPoint**
- **Artwork – painting, drawing, photograph or textile. A written exposition of 500 words explaining how the artwork relates to the chosen theme must be included.**

Stage 2

A school/community panel will consider the work submitted and shortlist students who will be invited to present their work to the panel in an interview setting. A panel of four, chaired by the principal, will be responsible for selecting the student. In addition to the school principal, panels should include:

- One community member, in the first instance a representative of the local RSL.
- A member of the teaching staff (executive or non-executive).
- A school parent (e.g. member of the P&C).

Government schools may also consider inviting a member of the local NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group to participate.

Students will be invited to present their piece of work to the panel in an interview setting. Students will also be required to demonstrate that they have the qualities and attributes to be an appropriate representative of NSW on the tour.

At the interview stage, students will be asked to discuss their work and how it relates to the chosen theme(s) for the task. The panel will be required to assess:

- The quality of the student's submission and their presentation.
- Their capacity to undertake the tour (see eligibility criteria).
- If they will be an appropriate representative of NSW in the tour setting (see eligibility criteria).
- Their ability to communicate effectively upon returning to school (students will be expected to share their experiences with their school and the community).

Special consideration should be given to students whose current financial circumstances would normally preclude them from overseas travel.

On completion of this process, the school principal must submit the names and applications of three finalists from their school. Please note no fewer than two finalists may be submitted for consideration.

Final vetting and selection of students:

The Office for Veterans Affairs will consider the candidates put forward by each school and complete the final selection process. One successful candidate and a reserve student will be selected. The reserve student may be invited to replace the successful candidate in the event of an emergency.

Schools are responsible for:

- Providing the documentation, including a report on each process, to support the local panel's recommendations by **21 December 2018**.
- Supporting the preparation process for the successful student including liaising with the Office for Veterans Affairs, parents and caregivers and providing resources as required.

- Meeting the explicit requirements for the Department of Education's Overseas Excursions Policy, which includes the following:
 - A risk assessment of the successful student is to be conducted and a risk management plan developed.
 - Signed consent forms granting permission for the student to participate and a medical information form are to be obtained from parents or caregivers.

Further information

If you have additional questions please contact the Office for Veterans Affairs by phone (02) 8061 9288 or email PremierScholarship@veterans.nsw.gov.au