



STUDENT APPLICATION FORM – 2016 TOUR

ADVICE TO APPLICANTS

The Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship will fund a study tour for up to 20 students to travel to the Western Front, in France and Belgium, during July 2016. Students will visit the battlefields where the Anzacs fought, discover their experiences and commemorate their memory.

Special consideration will be given to applicants whose current financial, personal or family circumstances would normally preclude them from overseas travel.

Please read the entire document before completing this application. You should also talk to your parents and/or caregiver and to your history teacher about your application.

Guidelines

Students from both government and non-government secondary schools across NSW who are selected for a 2016 Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship will complete a guided tour of significant battlefields. Beginning in Paris, students will travel to historical landmarks and museums in France and Belgium, learn about the history of the Western Front from experts in the field and commemorate the Anzacs. Details of the 2016 scholarship tour are currently being finalised, however the duration of the tour will be approximately 12 days. NSW secondary school teachers and a tour historian will accompany the tour party and supervise students. If you are successful you will need to obtain a current passport, which is valid for more than six months from departure date.

What are the selection criteria?

The students selected will be representing NSW overseas and may spend time with the Premier of NSW and a range of other officials, so your school principal will consider the criteria listed below.

Selection Criteria

Your principal and the selection panel will look for applicants who:

- display a genuine interest in Australian history, including the role that participation in wars has played in the development of Australia
- demonstrate involvement in the commemoration of Anzac Day and related events or a deep interest in the Anzac tradition
- show they have made a positive contribution to the school community
- can follow very high standards of behaviour, dress and protocol and be independent, trustworthy and able to complete tasks by specified deadlines.

What does the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship provide?

The scholarship provides for all costs associated with the tour: airfares, travel, accommodation, meals, official clothing, travel insurance and a small amount of money for out-of-pocket expenses. Rural recipients may seek support for the expenses incurred in travelling to and from Sydney.

Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible to apply you must be:

- enrolled in Year 9 or 10 in 2015 at a NSW government or non-government secondary school or college
- currently studying history and intend to continue studying history into Year 12
- an Australian Citizen or a permanent resident of Australia.

How do you apply for the scholarship?

Complete the application form below, which can be downloaded from veterans.nsw.gov.au. Students should submit their application form to their school or college principal by **30 November 2015**. Your Principal will select one outstanding application to submit to premierscholarship@dpc.nsw.gov.au by **11 December 2015**.

What are the conditions?

1. Students must have parental/caregiver permission to participate. This must be both parents in cases where parents are divorced or separated.
2. Each student application must contain comments from two referees:
 - a. the first referee must be the applicant's history teacher
 - b. **the second referee must be the school principal.**

3. Students must agree that relevant information on their application form may be used in media releases. (Note: the NSW Department of Education and Veterans' Affairs, Department of Premier and Cabinet, will carefully monitor information that is made public)
4. Successful applicants must produce a report on their experiences of the scholarship study tour. (This may be in the form of an essay, artwork, musical composition, tour blog or digital presentation and is to be submitted in a digital format).

What happens after you submit your application?

The school principal is responsible for endorsing the successful application for each school and lodging it with Veterans' Affairs, Department of Premier and Cabinet. The state selection panel, which includes representatives from Veterans' Affairs, the NSW RSL and the Department of Education, will identify up to 20 scholars to participate in the tour.

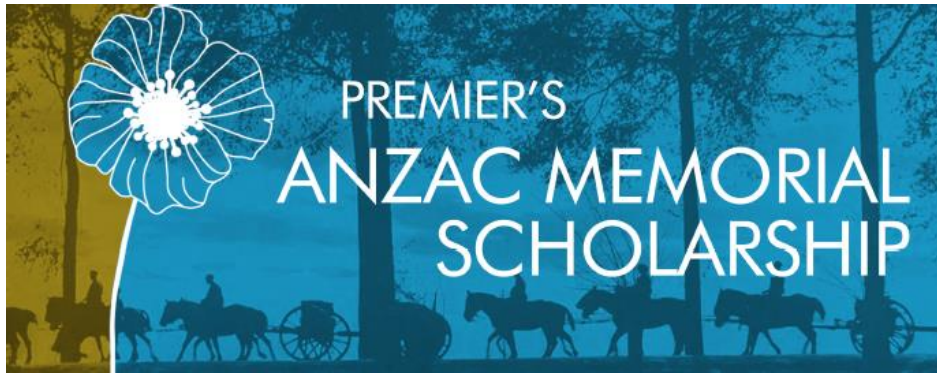
Checklist for submitting your application.

1. Your completed and signed application (pages 4 to 9)
2. Parent permission form (page 5)
3. History teacher's comment (page 10 – section 5: Referees)
4. Principal's comment (page 11 – section 5: Referees)

Your application must reach your school principal by **30 November 2015**.
Late applications will not be accepted.

Please note that if you are a successful applicant you will need to hold or obtain a current passport.

If you have any questions regarding the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship program or the application process, please contact the Scholarship Officer, on telephone (02) 9228 4710 or email: premierscholarship@dpc.nsw.gov.au.



STUDENT APPLICATION

Important: your application must reach your school principal by **30 November 2015**.

PERSONAL INFORMATION	
Name: First Name: _____ Surname: _____	
Home Address: _____	
Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____	
Telephone:	Home: _____ Mobile: _____
Email:	_____
Are you an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student? Yes / No (please circle)	
Do you consider yourself to have a disability, impairment or long-term condition? Yes / No (please circle)	
Please attach a recent passport sized photograph of yourself	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 150px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> Attach your photograph here </div>

SCHOOL OR COLLEGE INFORMATION	
Name of school or college: _____	
Address of school or college: _____	
Telephone:	_____
Email:	_____
In 2016 I will be in Year: _____	

Subjects and courses currently studied, including any languages other than English:

PERSONAL INFORMATION OF PARENT/S OR CAREGIVER/S

Name: Title:		First Name:	Surname:
Home Address:			
		Suburb:	State: Postcode:
Telephone:	Home:	Mobile:	
Email:			
Name: Title:		First Name:	Surname:
Home Address:			
		Suburb:	State: Postcode:
Telephone:	Home:	Mobile:	
Email:			

ENDORSEMENT OF PARENT/S OR CAREGIVER/S

I/We endorse this application for a Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship by
 (applicant's name). I/We note that my/our son/daughter/ward has accepted the conditions of the scholarship, understands the privacy notice and has signed this application. I/We understand that the personal information collected on this application form may be used to assess and verify the details provided in the application; to contact the applicant, should the regional or state selection panel require further information; and to publicise and administer the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship tour. The information may be accessed and used by various NSW Government Departments, the Returned and Services League of Australia, sponsors and others that provide financial or technical assistance to the program. I/We accept that the application is subject to the published criteria, that the selection panel's decision is final and that no correspondence will be entered into.

I/We have read the selection criteria and conditions listed on page two and my son/daughter/ward would be a suitable candidate for this scholarship.

Signature 1:	
Print name:	
Date:	
Signature 2:	
Print name:	
Date:	



SECTION 2: Applicant's Personal Statement

Please provide a statement in support of your application. You must give details about how you meet the selection criteria shown on page two. Please consider the following advice for writing your personal statement:

- Do you have a genuine interest in Australian history? Are you interested in the role that participation in wars has played in the development of Australia? If so, describe this in your response and include examples if possible.
- Have you been involved in the commemoration of Anzac Day and related events? If so, provide example(s) of events you have attended and what your role was.
AND/OR
- Do you have a deep interest in the Anzac tradition? Describe your interest in the Anzac tradition and include any reasons that help explain your interest.
- Have you made a positive contribution to your school community? If so, describe the contribution you have made and include examples if possible.
- How have you shown that you can follow very high standards of behaviour? Are you independent, trustworthy and able to complete tasks by specified deadlines? If so explain this and provide examples if possible.

You may wish to consult your history teacher or another teacher before completing this section.

Please write no more than 300 words. You may write in sentences or in dot points.

[Write your response here]

[Section 2 response continued]



SECTION 3: Special Consideration

Please outline any special considerations that you would like the selection panel to take into account.

For example:

- you may have financial, personal or family circumstances that would normally preclude you from overseas travel
- you may have an interest in the cultural and social impact of Australia's involvement in war
- you may have special connection to a former or current member of Australia's defence forces or to the defence forces of other nations
- you may be a member of a family that came to Australia as a result of the social upheaval that followed one of the major conflicts of the 20th century
- you may have other special reasons for wishing to travel overseas as part of the study tour party.

Please write no more than 250 words. You may write in sentences or in dot points.

[Write your response here]

SECTION 4: Report on the study tour and sharing your experience

How would you share information about your experiences with other students and adults after the study tour? (Please refer to conditions on page three).

For example, you may be especially skilled in web design, digital photography, public speaking, writing or other means of communication. You may be able to speak more than one language.

Please write no more than 300 words

[Write your response here]

SECTION 5: REFEREES

Referee 1 – History teacher’s reference

Name:

Position:

Phone: Email:

Best time of day to contact:

Referees must refer to the selection criteria on page two

Please note: the selection panel may decide to contact referees to seek further information regarding applicants.

Please write no more than 300 words

Referee’s statement:

Referee’s signature Date..... 2015



Referee 2 – Principal’s reference

Name:

Phone: Email:

Referees must refer to the selection criteria on page two.

Please note: the selection panel may decide to contact principals to seek further information regarding applicants.

Please write no more than 250 words.

Principals must submit completed applications to premierscholarship@dpc.nsw.gov.au by **Friday 11 December 2015**.

Principal’s statement:

Principal’s signature

Date2015



PRIVACY NOTICE

The personal information collected on this application form may be used to assess and verify the details provided in the application; to contact the applicant, should the regional or state selection panel require further information; and to publicise and administer the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship tour. The information may be accessed and used by various NSW Government Departments, the Returned and Services League of Australia, sponsors and others that provide financial or technical assistance to the program. The applicant's parent/caregiver consents to all such use by signing this form.

APPLICANT'S ACCEPTANCE OF SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

I confirm that I have read, understood and accept the conditions of the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarships.

I have also read and understand the privacy notice above.

Signature:

Print

Date:

Important: your application must reach your school principal by **30 November 2015**.

Applications must be received by Veteran's Affairs, Department of Premier and Cabinet by email at premierscholarship@dpc.nsw.gov.au by **Friday 11 December 2015**. The school Principal must submit the application.

Late applications will not be accepted.