

## Media Release

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### **ACT PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Public Education Foundation has opened a range of prestigious scholarships for ACT students currently studying in a public high school or college.

Twelve scholarships categories are now open for applications. These scholarships include opportunities for students from a refugee background, students interested in pursuing the study of Italian language and students with a physical disability reach their academic potential. Other scholarships are available for students interested in science as well as students looking to pursue a career in trades or technology.

In addition, the **Capital Chemist College Scholarships** for students entering year 12 in 2015 are exclusively offered in the ACT, with three awards being presented to each college. The award categories are: academic excellence; citizenship; and for a student with a particular interest.

The scholarships range in value from \$1,000 - \$10,000 with multiple scholarships awarded in some categories, and can include some in kind support such as mentorship. Each scholarship has specific eligibility criteria.

“We are delighted to partner with the ACT Education and Training Directorate to offer this opportunity to ACT public students. The diverse range of scholarships available are designed to appeal to students with various needs and talents and provide a life-changing opportunity,” said Catherine Cresswell, Acting Chief Executive of the Public Education Foundation.

Minister for Education and Training, Joy Burch, encouraged all public school students to apply for a scholarship.

“Our students are achieving outstanding results across all areas of the curriculum. Many are also role models in their schools and communities. These scholarships are a great way of recognising their efforts and commitment while providing assistance to help further their learning and career goals,” said Minister Burch.

Students who are interested in applying for a scholarship can download an information pack from the Public Education Foundation website [www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au](http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au) or contact the Public Education Foundation at [info@publiceducationfoundation.org.au](mailto:info@publiceducationfoundation.org.au) or 02 9266 8681.

The closing date for the applications is **Friday 3 October, 2014**. Scholarships will be awarded for the 2015 academic year.

Asite [www.ubliceducationfoundation.org](http://www.ubliceducationfoundation.org)

The Public Education Foundation is a national not for profit organisation dedicated to providing scholarships to students in public schools. It is grateful to its partners and supporters, including the ACT Education and Training Directorate and many generous organisations, such as Capital Chemist and individuals.

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## **SCHOLARSHIPS LIST**

**The Capital Chemist College Scholarship** supports ACT students entering year 12 in three categories: academic excellence; citizenship; and for a student with a particular interest.

**The Friends of Zainab Scholarship** helps support year 11 and 12 refugee students through the critical years of their High School Certificate and also provides financial assistance for a student's first two years of full time study.

**The Australian Science Olympiad Summer School Scholarship** provides support for eligible students to attend the prestigious Australian Science Olympiad Summer School.

**The Harding Miller Foundation Scholarship** supports female students in early high school achieve their potential.

**The Walter and Eliza Hall Trust Opportunity Scholarship** provides support to students with a physical disability make the transition from high school to tertiary study.

**The First Seeds Scholarship** provides financial support to a senior high school student in taking their first steps towards developing a successful career.

**The Malala Yousafzai Scholarship** supports hard working students in the middle years of secondary school who have a strong belief in the power of education to change lives.

**The Trades & Technology Opportunity Scholarship** provides financial support through years eleven and twelve to a student interested in a career in trades or technology.

**The Mamma Lena & Dino Gustin Foundation Scholarship** encourages students to pursue the study of Italian language, providing winners with a six-week intensive Italian language course in Rome.

**The Emorgo Scholarship for Music** assists a talented musician from commencing study at the Conservatorium High School in Sydney.

**The Patricia Long Conservatorium High School Scholarship** supports a young talented musician in financial need who is attending or enrolling at the Conservatorium High School.

**The J Holden Family Trust Scholarships** provide support for students commencing at the Conservatorium High School in 2015.