

RAMS Victorian Pacific Islands Scholarship

The Public Education Foundation's RAMS Victorian Pacific Islands Scholarship supports Pacific Islander students enrolled in Public Schools in Victoria to successfully complete their senior years of schooling.

The scholarship is supported by the Moorabbin RAMS Rugby Club which has established a Performance Centre as a leadership program focused on providing young athletes with development pathways while offering targeted support for education and meaningful employment.

At least five scholarships are available in 2021. The scholarship will provide financial support of \$1,500 per year across two years for each student (total scholarship value is \$3,000 per student).

The scholarship is to cover educational expenses such as:

- Incidental fees (eg. Text book hiring, costs associated with a specialised subject etc)
- Uniforms and school shoes (including **school** sports clothing)
- Stationery and general office items and equipment
- Text books
- Laptop, iPad or other similar devices
- Subject or study related software
- Printers
- Internet connection for study at home
- School excursions and school camps
- Costs associated with work experience linked to VET subjects
- Furniture for study such as desk, chair, lamp etc
- Face to face or online tutoring

Scholars will also receive:

- Free access to an online tutoring service
- Access to a mentoring program with mentoring provided by mid-career, senior or retired professionals
- The opportunity to buy a refurbished corporate laptop at a heavily discounted price

Please note – scholarship funds are not to be used for any costs associated with non-school sports activities.

If a student leaves public school before the end of Year 12, the scholarship will lapse. Any unspent monies at the end of the scholarship period must be refunded to the Public Education Foundation scholarship fund.

Before applying for this scholarship, please ensure that you read the [scholarship terms and conditions available on our website](#).

BASIC ELIGIBILITY

- Enrolled in a Victorian public high school
- Will be in Years 9, 10, 11 or 12 in 2021
- Pacific Islander heritage
- Has applied and been accepted into the RAMS Performance Centre

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Potential to do well at school
- Positive attitude towards school and high attendance rates
- Intention to complete their VCE and continue on to tertiary / vocational education
- Disadvantage currently preventing the student from realising potential and/or successfully completing their studies
- Demonstrate they participate in school life
- Demonstrate they contribute in the community and/or in extracurricular activities
- Pacific Islander community links

SELECTION PROCESS

A selection panel will review all scholarship applications and assess them against the selection criteria. The selection panel will include representatives of the Public Education Foundation, education professionals and independent experts. After considering all applications, the selection panel will recommend the selected applicant for the approval of the Public Education Foundation's Board.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome via email. If successful, the scholarship recipient's school principal will also receive notification directly.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the RAMS Victorian Pacific Islands Scholarship, students can access the link to the online portal via the Foundation's website - <http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarships>

Please note that all applications are now received via the Foundation's online portal. You will need to sign up for a FluidReview account to access the form.

Prior to starting your application, you should compile the following information ready to submit:

- Applicant details including:
 - full name
 - gender
 - date of birth
 - phone number
 - address
 - email (***please ensure you nominate an email account you regularly access***)
- Residence status
- Parent/guardian details (at least one but up to two)
 - name
 - phone number
 - relationship to student
 - email address
- School details:
 - name of school
 - address
 - principal name
 - email

- School Point of Contact – the person at the school who you would like correspondence sent to – name, phone number and email
- Basic information about you / your family:
 - whether you are Maori, Pacific or South Sea Islander
 - your mob/family/traditional owner/language group
 - who is the primary caregiver at home
 - highest education qualification of your immediate family
 - if you are from a Non-English-Speaking Background
 - country of original of your parents and yourself
 - which languages you speak and are spoken at home
 - if you have a diagnosed disability or learning difficulty
 - whether you have been in out-of-home care
 - socio-economic background
 - how you found out about the scholarship
- A statement outlining why you are a suitable candidate for this scholarship and how you meet each of the selection criteria. (Maximum 400 words)
- A brief outline of your plans after you have completed your VCE (maximum 150 words)
- A brief explanation of how your planned Year 11 and 12 subject selection and/or work experience will assist you in your future study and/or work goals (maximum 250 words)
- A copy of your most recent (2020) school report ready to upload (PDF or word format)
- A personal reference from a Pacific Islander community member which addresses the selection criteria (PDF or work format, maximum 400 words)
- A school or community member reference (eg teacher, Principal, sports coach etc) which addresses the selection criteria (PDF or work format, maximum 400 words)

Note for Community Member references: It is critical that the reference is specific and supportive of the student. Generic references will disadvantage an applicant.

DRAFT PAPER APPLICATION FORM

Our online applications are a mandatory part of the PEF process; however we are aware that this can cause additional challenges for schools assisting with scholarship applications. We have developed a paper application form which will hopefully assist with this process. ***Please note that the application must still be completed online*** but the following statements may be uploaded as handwritten documents if required:

- Reference from a Pacific Islander Community member
- School/community reference
- Signed Terms and Conditions

Please make sure they are legible.

If you require a paper version of this application, please contact PEF on info@publiceducationfoundation.org.au

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Once you have finalised your application and all elements are complete (including references and supporting statements as required) you can submit it for review.

Applications must be submitted by **11.59pm on Monday 1 February 2021**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Call the Public Education Foundation on 02 7814 2806 or email us at info@publiceducationfoundation.org.au.

We also encourage you to visit our website to learn more about the Foundation and the work that we do - www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au