

AGNES BORSODY SCHOLARSHIP

The Public Education Foundation's Agnes Borsody Scholarship provides financial assistance to refugee or immigrant girls, or daughters or granddaughters of refugees or immigrants, in need attending NSW selective/specialist schools and schools with selective streams.

The scholarship was established in 2017 in memory of Agnes Borsody. Agnes arrived in Australia as a refugee in 1957 and attended North Sydney Girls High School. Agnes gained degrees in psychology and law, before embarking on a successful career sitting on legal tribunals in NSW and Victoria, including the Social Security Appeals Tribunal, Veterans' Review Board and the Refugee Review Tribunal.

The Agnes Borsody scholarship was designed to assist students *in financial need* who may otherwise not have the opportunity to reach their full potential. Up to 5 scholarships are available for eligible female students enrolled in Years 8-11 in 2022 at a NSW public selective high school, a NSW public specialist high school, or the selective stream of a NSW partially selective high school. (see basic eligibility criteria section for complete list of eligible schools).

Each scholarship consists of a bursary of \$1,000 per year for two years (total \$2,000) and is to support the students studies whilst enrolled in the broader selective/specialist school setting.

The scholarship is to cover educational expenses such as:

- Laptop, iPad or similar device
- Subject or study related software, printer, stationary and textbooks
- Uniforms and equipment
- Excursions and camps
- Curricular and extra-curricular learning opportunities
- Furniture for study such as desk, chair, lamp etc
- Home wifi for study
- Face-To-Face Tutoring or Online Tutoring

If a student leaves a selective or specialist public high school before completion of the scholarship period, 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

- A girl of refugee or immigrant background (either personally or daughters or granddaughters of refugees or immigrants)
 - Attends a NSW public selective high school;
 - Baulkham Hills High School, **Caringbah High School**, Fort Street High School, **Girraween High School**, Gosford High School, **Hornsby Girls High School**, Hurlstone Agricultural High School, **James Ruse Agricultural High School**, Merewether High School, **North Sydney Girls High School**, Northern Beaches Secondary College Manly Campus, **Penrith High School**, Smiths Hill High School, **St George Girls High School**, Sydney Girls High School, **Yanco Agricultural High School**
 - **OR** attends a NSW public specialist high school;
 - Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus, **Campbelltown Performing Arts High School**, Canobolas Rural Technology High School, **Cherrybrook Technology High School**, Conservatorium High School, **Doonside High School**, Dulwich High School of Visual Arts and Design, **East Hills Girls Technology High School**, Endeavour Sports High School, **Eden Marine High School**, Glendale Technology High School, **Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School**, Gymea Technology High School, **Hunter School of Performing Arts**, Hunter Sports High School, **Illawarra Sports High School**, Keira High School, **Ku-ring-gai High School**, Matraville Sports High School, **Miller Technology High School**, Narrabeen Sports High School, **Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School**, Newtown High School of Performing Arts, **Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School**, Rutherford Technology High School, **The Hills Sports High School**, Westfields Sports High School, **Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts**
 - **OR** is in a selective stream at a partially selective NSW high school;
 - Alexandria Park Community School, **Armidale Secondary College**, Auburn Girls High School, **Aurora College**, Blacktown Girls High School, **Bonnyrigg High School**, Chatswood High School, **Elizabeth Macarthur High School**, Gorokan High School, **Grafton High School**, Karabar High School, **Kooringal High School**, Macquarie Fields High School, **Moorebank High School**, Parramatta High School, **Peel High School**, Prairiewood High School, **Rose Bay Secondary College**, Ryde Secondary College, **Sefton High School**, Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus, **Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus**, Tempe High School
 - Currently in either Year 7, 8, 9 or 10 (in 2021)
 - Australian citizen or permanent resident
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SELECTION CRITERIA

- Experiencing equity, social or physical hardship(s) that may prevent them from otherwise successfully completing school study or training
- Displays potential to do well at school
- Has a positive attitude to school and a high attendance rate
- Intention to complete their HSC and continue to tertiary education
- Demonstrate they participate in school life
- Demonstrate they contribute in the community and/or in extracurricular activities

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 and independent experts. After considering all applications, the selection panel will recommend the selected applicants for the approval of the Public Education Foundation's Board. The successful applicant will be notified in December 2021.

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 Agnes Borsody 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 must be submitted via the Foundation's online portal. You will need to sign up for a [PEF-Apply](#) 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 (copy of residency Visa or Citizenship certificate is a requirement)
- When you came to Australia (if applicable)
- Number of years in formal education before coming to Australia (if applicable)
- 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 Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or Pacific or South Sea Islander
 - 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 origin 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 HSC (maximum 150 words)
- Briefly outline how you feel you meet the criteria in relation to financial need/disadvantage (maximum 150 words)
- A copy of all pages of your most recent school report ready to upload
- A personal reference from someone who knows you. It could be a teacher, coach, family friend or an employer. (PDF or Word format, maximum 400 words)
- A supporting statement from your Principal which addresses the selection criteria (the applicant must initiate a request **via the online application** to the Principal. This will result in an email being sent to the Principal asking them to **complete a statement of support online**)

Note for Principals: Please be aware that your statement is a critical component of the application form and your feedback is given considerable weight in the process of panel deliberations. The panels are looking for feedback that goes well beyond simple confirmation that the student is enrolled in your school.

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 Tuesday 19 October 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