

PARAQUAD NSW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2020

Before completing the following application, please ensure that you have read and understood the Scholarship Criteria and Terms and Conditions

Closing date: 10 February, 2020

Applicant Details

First Name:	Last Name:
Residential Address:	Suburb / State / Postcode:
Telephone (home)	Mobile:
Email:	ParaQuad Membership Number:
Age:	Date of Birth:
Are you an Australian Citizen living in NSW/ACT/NT? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	Are you a Permanent Resident living in NSW/ACT/NT? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
Are you an NDIS Participant? <i>(Please note, this is not a prerequisite for application)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	

1. What type of course are you intending to undertake?

<p>Course Name</p> <p>Name of Institution</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> University <input type="checkbox"/> TAFE <input type="checkbox"/> College <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time <input type="checkbox"/> Distance education/online learning</p> <p>Length of Course:</p> <p>When will the course commence?</p>
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2. What is the extent and cause of your spinal cord injury (SCI) or related disability, including level and type of SCI? Documented confirmation is required from a doctor, physiotherapist or other professional.

3. Why do you think you should be considered for this scholarship? *In a maximum of 300 words please explain what your future career plans are and how the scholarship program will help you achieve your goals.*

4. Tell us about yourself e.g. what are your interests, work experiences, hobbies and/or volunteer experiences?

5. Please list your highest education to date (if relevant).

6. Are you, your parents or guardians (on your behalf) receiving any financial or other assistance such as another scholarship, pension or insurance claim?

- No Yes (If yes, what other funding are you receiving?)

7. Please indicate which band applies to you and/or your family or guardian's gross household income before tax **as at July, 2019**.

Band 1	Below \$29,000	
Band 2	\$29,000 to \$47,000	
Band 3	\$47,000 to \$80,000	
Band 4	Over \$80,000	

8. Have you received a scholarship from ParaQuad NSW before? No Yes If you ticked "yes" when and what was the amount? What did you spend the funds on?

There are a number of ParaQuad NSW Scholarships valued up to \$5,000 each to help with education at university, technical college, TAFE or registered organisation. As a person with a spinal cord injury has many different needs to complete their studies, the Scholarships can cover one or more of the following:

- Course / tuition / education fees for the year (February – December of the year you are applying for)
- Course excursion funds or residential expenses on campus
- Carers allowance contribution not funded by another source
- IT Requirements e.g. computer, support system (hardware and software required for the course)
- Introductory computer-use training tailored to the specific needs of the individual
- Textbooks and supplies (such as stationery and art supplies)
- Additional support e.g. tuition, scribe and typing services
- Travel costs up to \$500 to cover transport costs to and from place of study
- Any request for an item over \$2000 should be accompanied with a letter outlining the reason for the purchase

Other needs not identified above can be discussed.

9. For what specific purposes do you propose to use the scholarship funds e.g. computer equipment, carer assistance, textbooks, transport costs, etc. (dollar figures should relate only to estimated expenditure proposed from February to December of the scholarship year the applicant is applying for).

Items	Approximate cost
1	
2	
3	
4	
Total Amount (\$AUD) \$	

10. If the application is for educational equipment, is it compatible with the equipment that you currently or will use at the university, TAFE or registered private college? (Please tick the appropriate box)

Yes No

The Sponsor (to be completed if the applicant is under 18 years old)

<input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Dr	Full Name:
Postal Address:	Suburb / State / Postcode
Telephone:	Mobile:
Email:	Relationship to the applicant:

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

ParaQuad NSW Scholarship recipients are selected on the following criteria as defined by ParaQuad NSW:

- A member of ParaQuad NSW - membership forms available at: www.paraquad.org.au/get-involved/membership
- Australian Citizens (or Permanent Residents) and residing in NSW/ACT and NT.
- Must be 16 years of age or over as per Guidelines (any exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis).
- A person with spinal cord injury or other related disability.
- Appropriate level of academic record.
- Provide evidence of tertiary enrolment and/or acceptance letter
- Preference will be given to applicants on a low income (please refer to 'Low Socio-economic Background Criteria' in Scholarship Guidelines).

Additional eligibility criteria:

- ParaQuad NSW Scholarships may only cover supports which have not already been covered by the NDIS.
- Successful applicants must accept the conditions of the scholarship and agree to provide personal information relevant to assessing their ongoing eligibility for the scholarship funds.

- Scholarship payments are made on proof that the student maintains a satisfactory rate of academic progress. The scholarship is paid once only for each session of study, hence where a student needs to repeat a session due to academic failure then the scholarship will be suspended until the failed subject(s) have been passed and the student progresses to the next session within that academic year.
- Should a student, in receipt of a scholarship, want to change their mode of study, for example from full-time to part-time, they must notify ParaQuad NSW in writing. This may affect their continuing eligibility.
- Should a scholarship be awarded and at some later stage it is found that the student no longer satisfies the scholarship criteria, the scholarship will be withdrawn.

Terms & Conditions of Scholarship

1. Applicants are required to be a member of ParaQuad NSW for the period of the scholarship year; (membership forms can be found on the website at: www.paraquad.org.au/get-involved/membership)
2. Each successful applicant will need to provide a photo of themselves, a signed agreement form as well as a twice-yearly (in June and December) update report to ParaQuad NSW on the progress of their studies and how the scholarship has helped them. ParaQuad NSW may choose to use this material for promotional purposes.
3. ParaQuad NSW requires recipients to achieve satisfactory academic progress to continue to be eligible for the ParaQuad NSW Scholarships.
4. If the applicant or, if the recipient of the grant is under 18 years of age, the sponsor agrees that the details which have been entered on this application form are correct to the best of applicant's/sponsor's knowledge and the applicant meets the eligibility criteria outlined in the 'Guidelines for the ParaQuad NSW Scholarships 2020'.
5. That the applicant/sponsor will advise, or cause to be advised, ParaQuad NSW as soon as practicable during the course of any scholarship that may be awarded, if any of the details provided in the application form change in any material degree.
6. The funds which ParaQuad NSW agrees to make available under the terms of the scholarship may be utilised only for the purpose shown in the application form, or for other purposes which may subsequently be agreed to by ParaQuad NSW in writing as being relevant to the purpose of the said scholarship. Payments under a scholarship will be made by ParaQuad NSW on the provision a tax receipt is received of full payment or alternative arrangements can be made upon request. All claims for the payment must be received at ParaQuad NSW by no later than **18th December 2020**
7. ParaQuad NSW reserves the right in its sole discretion to terminate a scholarship in the event that the student terminates, or fails to pursue in good faith or substantially changes the nature of the education (including the place of study) for which the said scholarship has been awarded. Further, that under such circumstances ParaQuad NSW shall not be further liable except for reimbursements of expenses incurred in good faith, by or on behalf of the student prior to such terminations.
8. ParaQuad NSW's commitment for any scholarship shall extend, in the first instance, from successful acceptance in February to December for the applicable year of said scholarship. Any extension of said scholarship shall be subject to continued funding by ParaQuad NSW and then a further application being lodged by the applicant and being accepted by ParaQuad NSW at its sole discretion.
9. ParaQuad NSW may request proof of disability and access to education records relevant to this application, and make such enquiries from government or other bodies as may be considered necessary for verification of information supplied in this application; provided that ParaQuad NSW shall advise the applicant or sponsor in writing of its intention to do so.
10. A selection committee from ParaQuad NSW will choose the successful applicants and the ongoing management of the recipient's eligibility.
11. That the applicant/sponsor has read and fully understood the "Guidelines for the ParaQuad NSW Scholarships 2020" and agrees to the above Terms and Conditions.

Agreement

In making this application, the applicant/sponsor agrees that ParaQuad NSW awards Scholarships under its sole discretion, and that no legal action may be taken against ParaQuad NSW in relation to any decision it may take to award, or not award, any Scholarship or to extend or to terminate any Scholarship already awarded.

Agreed by the Applicant or Sponsor:

Name:

Date: _____

Witnessed by: (Witness is not to be related to either the sponsor or applicant)

Name:

Date: _____

For all questions regarding Scholarships,
please call **02 8741 5640** or email scholarships@paraquad.org.au

Applications may also be posted to:
Scholarship Applications,
ParaQuad NSW, PO Box 6347
SILVERWATER NSW DC 1811.

Closing date for Scholarship Applications is 5.00pm AEDT
Monday 10 February 2020