

INFORMATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

This page contains all the information students need to apply for a BAYERBoost scholarship.

Please read through the guidelines carefully before you start the application process.

Interested students should identify and make contact with an organisation which could host them for the stated period and establish a project for their scholarship. The project need not be a separate, discrete piece of work; students may simply join a team already working on a particular research or restoration project.

A list of possible host organisations is available on www.BAYERboost.com.au. This list is neither exhaustive nor exclusive, and students may well find other organisations which would be acceptable as hosts and come up with their own ideas for projects.

The Project Proposal is a key part of your scholarship application. The Project Proposal criteria can be downloaded in pdf format from www.BAYERboost.com.au.

Please note that your completed application form must be accompanied by:

- A three-page Project Proposal following the criteria outlined, with emphasis towards quality rather than quantity
- A letter of approval from parents/caregivers for students under the age of 18
- A certified copy of current academic record or Record of Achievement
- A certified copy of: Birth Certificate, Citizenship Certificate, Passport, or permanent Humanitarian Visa.

Two academic references are also required and must be sent directly to the Australian Geographic Society by the referees. A reference form can be downloaded in Word format from www.BAYERboost.com.au. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their referees send their completed reference forms by the closing date for applications.

Application forms can be completed electronically but they must be sent with the requested documentation. The entire application must be received before:

5.00pm on 30 September 2011

Applications should be sent to:

**Australian Geographic Society
Level 20, 66-68 Goulburn St
Sydney, NSW 2000**

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Rebecca Baker at the Australian Geographic Society on 02 9263 9825 or email: BAYERBoost@ausgeo.com.au

PROJECT PROPOSAL

The project proposal should be a maximum of three pages with an emphasis towards quality rather than quantity. The following headings must all be addressed for the proposal to be considered:

1. Introduction
2. Nature of Project
 - An outline defining the nature of the project. Specific objectives of the project should be incorporated.
3. Timetable
 - A timetable highlighting key activities, milestones and resources required for the project. The project must be achievable within the timeframe of the scholarship.
4. Potential benefits of the project
 - a. Benefits to the Host Organisation
 - An explanation of how the key objectives of the project will benefit the Host Organisation.
 - b. Benefits to Australia
 - An explanation of how the key objectives of the project will contribute to the Australia environment.
5. Conclusion

An outstanding Project Proposal should show evidence of:

- consistent academic performance.
- individual enthusiasm and motivation in the formation of the proposal liaison with the appropriate organisation.

Typical projects for the proposal could include:

- involvement at any level in environmental research projects with a tertiary education organisation (TEO), a conservancy of the Department of Conservation (DoC), a Crown Research Institute (CRI) or a private research organisation;
- monitoring air, water or soil quality with a Regional Council, CRI, DoC conservancy or TEO;
- working on track and hut development/maintenance with a DoC conservancy;
- involvement in biodiversity restoration;
- assisting in ecological field surveys or other field work.