

BAYERBoost Scholarship

To foster and support, in young Australians, an understanding and awareness of Australia's unique environment and the issues surrounding the environment.

Application Form 2011

- Section 1** – To be completed by the Scholarship Applicant
- Section 2** – To be completed by an authorised representative of the Host Organisation
- Section 3** – To be completed by the Academic Supervisor or HoD Science/Biology for the applicant's project

Before completing this application you should read the full Scholarship Guidelines, available from the BAYERBoost website: <http://www.bayerboost.com.au/>

The entire application must be submitted by **Friday 30th September 2011** to the Australian Geographic Society, Level 20, 66-68 Goulburn St, Sydney, NSW, 2000.

*Please note: in order for an application to be considered, applicants must complete an **Application Form**, include a **Project Proposal** and provide **certified copies of all the necessary documentation**. As well as general personal and contact details, the application form will ask for evidence of consistent academic performance and commitment to pursuing environmental study. The **contact details for two academic referees** will also need to be included.*

SECTION ONE

To be completed by the Scholarship Applicant

PERSONAL DETAILS:

Surname:

Names:

Date of Birth:

Nationality:

Permanent Home Address

Street:

Suburb:

City:

Postcode:

Contact numbers

Home:

Mobile:

Fax:

Email:

Postal address (for correspondence regarding this application).

If same as Home Address please write "As Above".

Are you currently:

- An Australian Citizen
 A Permanent Australian resident

Please attach a certified copy of your Birth Certificate, Australian Citizenship Certificate, or proof of being a permanent Australian Resident (i.e. passport), as applicable.

Health Status – please specify health factors, which may require special consideration:

ACADEMIC HISTORY

Academic record

Please attach a certified copy of current academic record.

Current School/University:

Years of study completed in current course at time of application:

Current study year:

School: year 11 year 12

Tertiary: year

Current/intended degree study course:

Other academic institution(s) attended, course titles and approximate dates of enrolment:

1.

2.

3.

4.

Previous tertiary qualifications, if any and year completed:

1.

2.

3.

Academic distinctions, prizes or additional scholarships received:

Please list any additional Awards/Grants for which separate applications are currently being lodged:

ACADEMIC REFEREES

Name two referees who are willing to provide an academic reference for you. One of them should, if possible, be a person under whom you have studied. Please make sure that your referees send their completed reference forms directly to the Australian Geographic Society before the closing date for applications. Reference forms can be downloaded from the BAYERBoost website: <http://www.bayerboost.com.au/>

1. Name:

Position:

Address:

Contact numbers

Work:

Mobile:

Email:

2. Name:

Position:

Address:

Contact numbers

Work:

Mobile:

Email:

STATUS OF NEGOTIATION WITH HOST ORGANISATION

Has there been a successful negotiation with a Host Organisation?

- Yes (please complete section two)
 No (please continue below)

If negotiations have not been finalised please provide here the name or the organisation with which you are negotiating, and detail the current status of these negotiations.

Name of Host Organisation with which negotiations are currently taking place:

Current status of negotiations:

TO BE INCLUDED with SECTION ONE:

- Project proposal (please refer to the BAYERBoost Scholarship Guidelines).
- A letter of approval from parents/caregivers for applicants under the age of 18.
- Certified copy of current academic record or Record of Achievement.
- Certified copy of Birth Certificate, Australian Citizenship Certificate, Passport, Naturalisation Certificate, or permanent Visa.

DECLARATION

I declare that I have lived in Australia for the last two (2) years or more and that the statements made in this application and attached documentation, to the best of my knowledge, are true, complete and correct. I have read the guidelines giving details of the BAYERBoost Scholarship Award for which I now apply and I agree to observe the conditions of the award.

Full Name (Print in BLOCK LETTERS):

Signature:

Date:

Thank you for completing this section.

End of section one

SECTION TWO

To be completed by an authorised representative of the Host Organisation

Before completing this application you should read the full Scholarship Guidelines, available from the BAYERBoost website: <http://www.bayerboost.com.au/>

HOST ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name of organisation:

Address
Physical:

Postal:

Name of the Chief Executive or Principal contact within the organisation:

Contact numbers
Work:
Mobile:

Email address:

Name and position title of person who will be supervising the student:

What percentage of the supervisor's time on average per week will be spent with the student over the designated project period?

Detail, in brief, ways in which the proposed project will benefit the Australian environment (point form preferred):

DECLARATION BY HOST ORGANISATION

We,

(Organisation name)
hereby accept responsibility for supervising:

(Students name)
for the duration of the Scholarship.

The project proposed by the student is achievable within the designated timeframe. We have read the Scholarship Guidelines and hereby agree to abide by the conditions imposed by the Scholarship.

Signature of an authorised representative of the Host Organisation:

Name (please print):

Position:

Date:

Signature of Host Organisation nominated supervisor:

Name (please print):

Position:

Date:

*Thank you for taking the time to fill out this section.
End of section two.*

SECTION THREE

To be completed by the Academic Supervisor

Before completing this application you should read the full Scholarship Guidelines, available from the BAYERBoost website – <http://www.bayerboost.com.au/>

I,

(name of academic supervisor)

declare that the attached Project Proposal is viable and able to be completed within the designated timeframe and accept the roles and responsibilities of Academic Supervisor for this Scholarship Project as outlined in the Scholarship Guidelines.

Signature of Supervisor:

Position:

Department:

School/University:

Date:

Contact numbers

Work:

Mobile:

Fax:

Email:

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this section.

End of section three

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 30th 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.

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Academic Reference 1

To foster and support, in young Australians, an understanding and awareness of Australia's unique environment and the issues surrounding the environment.

Student name (please PRINT):

Student date of birth:

What is the applicant's current stage of study?

- School: year 11 year 12
 Tertiary: year
-

How would you rate the applicant's academic ability?

- top 5%
 top 20%
 top 40%
 below top 40%
-

In your view, the applicant's academic record is:

- outstanding
 very good
 good
 mediocre
 poor
-

How would you assess the applicant's proposal?

- outstanding
 very good
 good
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 poor
-

How would you assess the applicant's ability to undertake the proposed project?

- outstanding
- very good
- good
- mediocre
- poor

How will the Scholarship benefit the applicant's academic or professional development?

In your opinion, is the project achievable with the resources available and within the specified timeframe?

- yes
- no
- unsure

General comments. Please add any other comments that you feel are relevant in consideration of this application, particularly regarding motivation and initiative.

Signature of Referee:

Date:

Name (please PRINT):

Position:

Organisation:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this reference.

Academic Reference 2

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Student name (please PRINT):

Student date of birth:

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