The Order of Australia Association Foundation 2015 Scholarship

**sponsored with the University Of Melbourne**

**BACKGROUND**

The Order of Australia Association Foundation is supporting the next generation of leaders by helping promising young Australians to achieve their potential. Each year the Foundation sponsors Scholarships to young Australian students in their early years of tertiary study. One of these Scholarships is being sponsored in 2015 at The University of Melbourne for a final-year undergraduate student who will go on into one of the Faculty of Business and Economics two-year graduate programs.

**COMPONENTS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Scholarship has two complementary components where the awardees receive:

- an award of $40,000 for tuition fees, accommodation, living allowance and other expenses to further the awardee’s education and
- the opportunity of an ongoing mentor relationship with a member of The Order of Australia who is eminent the awardee’s chosen field of study.

**ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for the Scholarships, the applicant must:

- be a final year undergraduate student from any faculty in the University of Melbourne;
- be applying to undertake one of the Faculty of Business and Economics 2 year graduate programs, commencing in 2016;
- be an Australian citizen aged in their twenties but, in exceptional circumstances, some may be considered up to the early 30s,
- have demonstrated high academic achievement in their tertiary studies;
- in 2015, be a full time student and expect to proceed to complete their course of full time study;
- have demonstrated qualities of leadership, initiative and being involved in community affairs; and
- be able to demonstrate their need for financial assistance to benefit the completion of their course of study.

**CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

1. The Scholarship is available only to full time students who are Australian citizens.
2. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of:
   - academic achievement in their tertiary studies
   - past and current involvement in community affairs,
   - potential as future leaders in their field of study and in community involvement;
   - benefit to the Australian community in future years through the Scholarship award and their specialist knowledge,
   - need for financial assistance to benefit the completion of their studies; and
   - the ability to gain significantly from the guidance of a suitably experienced mentor from The Order of Australia.

3. The $40,000 Scholarship will be provided to the University for :-
   a. the payment of the awardee’s tuition fees and accommodation (where applicable) and
   b. payment to the awardee over the remainder of the course of study as a living allowance and for other expenses relating to the awardee’s education.

4. The Scholarship awardee will be offered the opportunity of an ongoing mentor relationship with an eminent member of The Order of Australia who ins eminent in the awardee’s chosen field of study

5. The Scholarship awardee will be required to participate in the Scholarship presentation ceremony in Sydney in March 2016. The Award presentation will be made by the Governor-General or the Governor of NSW. Travel and accommodation will be provided for the awardee and immediate next of kin to attend the ceremony,

6. Applications for the Scholarship must be submitted on the attached application form, which must be completed, signed and submitted with all documentary evidence by 17 December 2015.

7. Applicants are advised to seek independent financial advice on the potential impact of the receipt of the Scholarship on their continuing eligibility to receive AUSTUDY, ABSTUDY, Youth Allowance and/or other Commonwealth Allowances.

**Apply online:** fbe.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships

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