

# FREDERICK RICHARD O'CONNELL SCHOLARSHIP

## GUIDELINES

### ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES

Applications are open to candidates who are about to commence or who have already commenced a degree or accredited course conducted by a university in Victoria.

Preference will be given to applicants who fall within one of the following categories:

- Children of employees of member companies of the MGA Timber Merchants Australia (TMA) (who are also preferably financial members of their respective unions); or
- Children of directors or proprietors of member companies of the MGA TMA.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of:

- Good character
- Personality
- Academic achievement
- Proficiency at sport
- Application form

The student is to complete the online application form available at;  
<https://equitytrustees.smartygrants.com.au/FROConnell24>

The student is to submit a referee report (preferably academic), please download the template via the Equity Trustees Website.

The referee report is to speak to:

- Academic Performance
- Character
- Personality
- Sporting Proficiency
- Participation in School/University.

Candidates may include a covering letter of no more than one page if they wish. Please do not supply any documents other than the above.



## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Candidates must attach the following to their application form:

1. Evidence of current enrolment in their proposed or current course of study
2. A copy of their most recent academic reports / records  
OR
3. If the candidate is enrolled in the first year of their proposed course of study, a copy of their ENTER Score and VCE subject summaries must be attached

## ENQUIRIES

Application queries can be directed to the Manager, Philanthropy Services at Equity Trustees Ltd by email at [charities@eqt.com.au](mailto:charities@eqt.com.au) or by telephone on 1300 133 472.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The scholarship is tenable for one year
2. The candidate must be enrolled to study in Victoria on a full-time basis whilst in receipt of the scholarship
3. The candidate must notify the Trustee immediately should there be a change of circumstance in relation to the above conditions
4. The value of the scholarship can be up to \$5,000  
The advisory committee have discretion to award a scholarship over and above this amount.
5. The successful candidate agrees to the publication of their name in a list of current Frederick Richard O'Connell Scholarship recipients in Timber Trader News and Timber e-news. The TMA will not be able to use the recipient's name for any other purpose without consent
6. The Trustee may terminate a scholarship if:
  - a. the candidate does not fulfil all of the above conditions
  - b. at any point, the candidate is found to have provided the Trustee with false or fraudulent information

Upon termination, monies already paid to the candidate and not duly expended or committed shall be returned to the Trustee.