

FAQ – Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation

Is this scholarship open to boys and girls?

Boys are encouraged to apply for a Dafydd Lewis Trust scholarship. You will find information about the Dafydd Lewis Trust scholarship on the website www.lewisscholarships.org.au.

Is the Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship an equity and merit-based scholarship?

Yes, the Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship is an equity and merit-based scholarship. The scholarship is paid to a person to undertake study at an educational institution, specifically tertiary studies at university. All applicants are subject to a personal and parental income test. Successful applicants are awarded a scholarship on the basis of academic achievements as well as financial need.

What age restrictions apply?

There are no age restrictions.

What restrictions are there regarding my secondary education?

You must have been educated at a Victorian State School for at least 5 years preceding the award of the scholarship.

Applicants holding humanitarian visas may be granted scholarships if they meet the following criteria:

- The applicant holds a visa issued by the Commonwealth on the grounds that she, her parent or parents or any other relevant person should be granted asylum in Australia, she was a refugee, or on any other humanitarian ground.
- The applicant has been educated in Victoria at a Victorian State School for a period of not less than two years preceding the award of the scholarship.

What restrictions are there regarding what I can study?

There are no restrictions on courses that can be studied.

What is the means test limit that my parents' combined gross income must not exceed?

For applicants commencing tertiary studies in 2017, combined parental income must not exceed \$78,832.

What if my birth certificate is not in English?

You must submit a copy of your original birth certificate with a version translated into English accompanying it.

What if my parents are divorced or separated?

If your parents (or custodial parent) are divorced or separated but they both still support you then financial details from both are required.

What if one of my parents does not contribute to my upbringing?

If only one parent actually contributes to your maintenance and that parent does not receive maintenance from the other parent, information about the contributing parent's income will be sufficient.

What does 'Name of Examination' mean?

This means the name of your final high school examination. In Victoria, this means VCE or VET or IB.

What are 'Liabilities'?

A liability is money owing on any assets e.g. a mortgage or personal loan.

Will information supplied by me and documents I submit be treated in confidence?

Your application itself, and any documentation of a personal nature such as a birth certificate, passport photograph or any financial documents attached to your application will be treated confidentially.

Please refer to Equity Trustees' privacy statement for further details:

<http://www.eqt.com.au/corporate-governance/privacy-statement.aspx>.

What if I have more information than the space provided allows?

You may attach extra pages. Please write your name on every extra page attached.

Who can witness the Statutory Declaration of your parents?

In Victoria, persons authorised to witness statutory declarations include:

- A Justice of the Peace
- A member of the police force
- A senior officer of a Council as defined in the Local Government Act 1989
- A Councillor of a municipality
- A legally qualified medical practitioner
- A dentist
- A veterinary surgeon
- A pharmacist
- A principal in the (State) teaching service
- The manager of a bank
- A member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia or the Australian Society of Accountants or the National Institute of Accountants
- The secretary of a building society
- A minister of religion authorised to celebrate marriages
- A barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court
- A member or former member of either House of the Parliament of Victoria
- A member or former member of either House of the Parliament of the Commonwealth

What is the closing date for applications?

This year's closing date is Friday 9 December 2016.

When will scholarship interviews be conducted?

Interviews will be conducted in late January 2017. If the Scholarship Trustees wish to interview you, you will be invited to attend by telephone or email a few days before the interviews are held.

Who administers the Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation?

Equity Trustees is the Trustee of the Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation and is responsible for the administration and payment of all scholarships. Equity Trustees is greatly assisted in this by a group called the Scholarship Trustees who are responsible for the selection of successful Scholars. The Scholarship Trustees receive no remuneration for their services.

Before finalising your application, please check the website

www.maryjanelewis.com.au for the latest information.