**ATTACHMENT A**

**ROTARY CLUB OF BELCONNEN**

**TRASH AND TREASURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - 2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**GUIDELINES**

**Introduction**

The Rotary Club of Belconnen is one of around 1,100 Clubs in Australia, with total membership of almost 30,000. Each Club is part of Rotary International – a network of 1.2 million Rotarians in approximately 33,000 Clubs around the world, all dedicated to promoting peace, cultural understanding and service to the community, alongside other like-minded community and business leaders.

**Trash and Treasure Market**

The Rotary Club of Belconnen has been raising funds through its weekly Trash and Treasure Market at the Jamison Centre in Macquarie since 1974. Over $6 million has been raised to fund the Club’s community projects in Belconnen, throughout Canberra, as well as nationally and internationally. Major local projects have included:

* Rotary Cottage, Calvary Hospital– emergency accommodation for patients’ families who live in regional areas and often cannot afford a hotel;
* Shepherd Centre for the Deaf, Canberra – support services for children with hearing loss, and their families;
* Karinya House, Belconnen – a purpose built facility providing accommodation for pregnant and parenting women, particularly those without appropriate housing and support. This is Belconnen Rotary’s most recent major project, with around $45,000 directed towards building and fit-out of the new facility; and
* Christmas hampers distributed annually for over three hundred needy families in Canberra.

At the national level, Belconnen Rotary has contributed financial support to the Purple House in Alice Springs which provides dialysis services in a residential setting for Indigenous patients from remote communities. International projects include medical equipment for Tansen Hospital in Nepal, ongoing support to the people of Timor Leste and Shelterbox providing emergency accommodation worldwide.

**Support for Youth**

Youth development is a major area of focus for Rotary. The well-established annual RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) and RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) programs provide opportunities for young people to develop their leadership potential. We also support the NYSF (National Youth Science Forum Program) and international youth exchanges.

**Trash and Treasure Scholarship Program**

Belconnen Rotary has a proud record of providing financial support to local students to assist them to participate in activities of interest at the individual level or through initiatives offered by their School/College or community.

Aim

The Program aims to assist secondary and college students develop their potential in the academic, cultural, arts and sporting areas.

Value of Scholarships

One scholarship to the value of up to $1,000 will be offered to each School/College in Belconnen.

Scholarship Period

Funds are to be expended in the 2022 academic year.

Eligibility

Students in Years 7-12 are eligible to apply for the Scholarships.

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria for is based on Merit and Need. Applicants should demonstrate:

* commitment to develop and achieve;
* positive contribution to the school/college community;
* suitability for the award of a Scholarship in terms of Need.

Application and Assessment

Students are required to complete the Application at Attachment B. Hints on completing the Application are also at Attachment B.

Belconnen Rotary is of the view that by completing the Application, recipients will have a stronger sense of ownership and commitment to spending Scholarship funds effectively. It also helps to rank applicants in terms of Need, and gives assurance of value for money from the Club’s perspective.

School/College staff are encouraged to work with students and families in the application process as this enhances student participation and family involvement. Applicants are required to obtain a brief statement from a School/College staff member to support claims in their Application.

It is recommended that Applications be initially assessed by a small panel of staff, eg teachers/year coordinators, to ensure transparency of the selection process. Applications are to be lodged with the Rotary Club for final decision. The Club will work closely with Schools/Colleges to reach consensus on the most suitable applicants.

Lodgement of Applications

Applications are to be emailed *by* ***Friday 26 November 2021*** to:

Mary Cruickshank, address: mrcshank@grapevine.com.au

Timeframes

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| **ACTIVITY** | **DATE** |
| Announcement of Scholarships for the 2019 academic year | By Friday 5 November 2021 |
| Lodgement of applications (see above) | By Friday 26 November 2021 |
| Selection of successful applicants | By Monday 29 November 2021 |
| Payment of funds into bank accounts, as nominated by the School/College | By 9 December 2021 |
| Award of Scholarships | By end of Term Four, 2021 |

Award of Scholarships

It is recommended that successful applicants be acknowledged and congratulated at a student gathering, such as a school assembly. Belconnen Rotary would welcome the opportunity to be represented at the award ceremony and will provide an appropriate certificate in recognition of the award.

Reporting

Scholarship recipients are required to provide a brief report to Belconnen Rotary on their achievements during the 2022 academic year, focusing on areas where Scholarship funds have been expended.

**Club Contacts**

Enquiries should be emailed to Mary Cruickshank at above address.

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