Guidelines for Applicants

Background
Secondary Boarding Bursaries are designed to help needy, remote area families of NSW cover the gap between the accommodation costs at a country boarding school and assistance received from the Federal Government's AIC allowance (Assistance for Isolated Children), and/or the NSW Government's LAFHA (Living Away From Home Allowance). Families whose children are weekly boarders are ineligible to apply.

Value
Bursaries are awarded on the basis of family income and assets, both farm and non-farm, geographical isolation from schools and services and in the case of families dependent on primary-production income, any exceptional circumstances, including seasonal climatic conditions. A family income means test applies based on the receipt of either the AIC with additional supplement, or LAFHA or both.

Bursaries are awarded for one year and are valued at $1,000 payable in two instalments direct to the school.

Conditions
Parents of applicants must consent to the school providing overall performance data at the end of Term 2 to the Board of the Bush Children's Education Foundation of NSW.

The Directors of the Foundation will administer this program at their absolute discretion and will adjust or withdraw bursary benefits in the event of changed circumstances.

Notes:
1. Parents will be required to provide a copy of their last Tax assessment Notice (single page)
2. All questions must be answered

Completed application forms and all required supporting documents must be received by mail at the address below by Friday 7 February 2014:

Secretary
Bush Children's Education Foundation of NSW
PO Box 138
LINDFIELD NSW 2070

Faxed or emailed applications are not acceptable.

All applications will be treated according to privacy provisions.
Applications cannot be processed unless all questions are answered

Student Details
Surname
Given Names
Home Address
Date of Birth
Sex

School Details
School Year (circle the year you are applying for)  7  8  9  10  11  12
Distance between home and nearest Government school  _____  Kms
Name and Address of School attended

Fees
Enter total fees for school year
Board/Accommodation  $
Tuition and Electives  $

Eligible Allowances (see back page for details of allowances)
Enter the value of each allowance received or applied for:
(You must be in receipt of, or eligible to receive, AIC with additional supplement and/or LAFHA)
Basic AIC Allowance (no means test)
AIC Supplement
Youth Allowance
Abstudy
Living Away From Home Allowance LAFHA
Supplement LAFHA - Years 11/12
Ag High Boarding Scholarship - Isolated Students
ICPA Scholarship - Tuition (through School)
ICPA Scholarship - Board (through School)
Any other Scholarship (from ........................................)

Office Use
T. Fees
T. Allowance
Plus
Minus

Do you receive financial assistance from any other organisation?
Yes [ ] No [ ]
If Yes, please give details on Page 4.
Parent/Guardian Details (person completing this form)

Name  Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss
Address
Phone  Mobile
Email
Relationship to Student
Your Occupation
Spouse/Partner's occupation
Ages of other dependent children

Do you and/or your spouse/partner: (please tick box)

- Singly or jointly own rural property  Yes  No
- Live in house on your property  Yes  No
- Live in your own home not on property  Yes  No
- Live in rented premises  Yes  No
- Live with parents/relatives  Yes  No
- Live rent-free in return for services  Yes  No
- Live in other circumstances  Yes  No

If Yes, please advise those circumstances

Farm/Grazing Data
Location of your holding(s)
Area of your holding(s) in Ha
Avg. No. of Sheep  Avg. No. of Cattle  Total Area under crops
Livestock Health & Pest Authority (LHPA) Area(s)
Current seasonal conditions (please comment)

Family Income - Please attach with that of your spouse/partner, your Tax assessment Notice (single page)

Taxable Income - Yours* $  Spouse/Partner’s* $  
* If a Pensioner - Type  Amount per Fortnight $ 

Declaration
I certify that this information is correct and I agree that my son/daughter’s general school performance may be released by the school to the BCEF Board as required for accountability purposes.

Signed Parent/Guardian  Date
Additional Information
You are invited to add further information to support this application

Where you can receive assistance for Isolated Students

Commonwealth Government
Contact: AIC (Isolated Students) Centrelink Tel 13 23 18
Youth Allowance Tel 13 24 90
Abstudy Tel 13 23 17

NSW Government

For Living Away from Home Allowances (LAFHA)
Contact: Distance Education Bathurst Tel (02) 6334 8075

For Agricultural High Boarding Scholarships
Contact: Farrer Agricultural High School Tel (02) 6764 8600
Yanco Agricultural High School Tel (02) 6951 1500
Hurstone Agricultural High School Tel (02) 9829 9232

For ICPA Scholarships
Contact: Preferred Boarding School

For further bursary details if required
Contact: Bush Children's Education Foundation Tel (02) 9416 4630