BOARDING BURSARIES: Years 7-12

FOR 2015

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHOOL / HOSTEL CONTACT STAFF

Please find the ATTACHED APPLICATION FORM 2015

1. This Application Form is to remain at the school but can be photocopied. It can also be downloaded from www.bcef.org.au

2. All continuing students have received the Form by our direct mail-out to parents.

3. Students MUST be from a remote/isolated area of NSW or bordering states provided that they attend a school in NSW.

4. A Family Means Test applies based on Federal / State Student Isolation criteria

5. Students MUST be in receipt of (or are eligible for) Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) a Federal Govt. Allowance, WITH the additional supplement.

AND / OR

The Living Away From Home Allowance (LAFHA) a NSW State Govt. Allowance

6. The 2015 value of AIC= $7,897.01 + $1510 Additional (supplement) The 2015 value of LAFHA: phone 6334 8075 in late November for the Rate.

7. Although a Boarding Bursary is a non-academic award, overall performance is monitored at the end of Term 2; parents must consent to the release of data. (see Form) Individual students & schools are not identified. (see 2104 Annual Report)

8. Applications MUST be received by post by FRIDAY 6th February, 2015

Fax or Emailed Applications cannot be accepted

Sue Cowdroy, Secretary, on behalf of the Board. Email: info@bcef.org.au
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 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 currently 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 number of bursaries allocated is governed by the level of public donations received for the 2015 school year.

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 6 February 2015:

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

Postcode

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)**

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**Farm/Grazing Data**

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<td>Avg. No. of Sheep</td>
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<td>Current seasonal conditions <em>(please comment)</em></td>
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**Family Income** - Please attach with that of your spouse/partner, your Tax assessment Notice (single page)

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<td>Amount per Fortnight $</td>
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**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
         Absudy  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
         Hurlstone 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