

The Christian Services for the Blind and Hearing Impaired Personal Pursuit and Empowerment Scholarship (PPES)

The Christian Services PPES is to assist persons with a visual or hearing impairment achieve a more complete life through undertaking challenging life-experience and wider vocational training. It provides a cash payment to persons undertaking an endeavour that does not qualify for government or other assistance.

The “pursuit” would not usually be vocationally related, which in most cases is government assisted or rehabilitative. For example, it might be to undertake some form of demanding recreational activity within a structured or formalized framework, or to attend a residential or in-service course offered by an an entity. It might also be awarded to an entity, in a variation of the personal aspects, that provides such a service to the Blind or Deaf that is of direct benefit to an individual.

Value:

The award is *up to* \$A2000 cash.

Conditions:

Applications are required to be:

1. In writing, including names and addresses, parental permissions etc.
2. Accompanied by all supporting documentation and endorsements, neatly organised.
3. Lodged by December 31 for awarding in the following year.

To qualify, applicants must:

1. Be legally blind or deaf and provide proof of such.
2. Be at least 16 years of age (parental permission required if under 18).
3. Be connected to the Christian community.
4. Provide a summary of their personal achievements to date, and intermediate- and long-term goals. If the applicant is an entity, it should include parallel statements of its work and goals (#5, #6, #7 below), the organisation’s principals and an independent endorsement.
5. Be pursuing some form of impairment-related, self-improvement training in a recognised course or facility in the pursuit of their goals.
6. Give a clear statement of how the award-supported program or pursuit will assist in the achievement of those goals.
7. Supply a written endorsement/reference by one or more independent referees
8. Provide proof of acceptance into the course of training or program from the course or program provider.

9. Agree to be available for the purposes of publicity and news reporting, including supplying of personal photographs, as able.

The fine print:

1. The award will be made subsequent to commencement of the program or course, for which authentication will be required.
2. The award is made to the individual for use at their discretion, be that for living or course expenses.
3. Award recipients agree to have their story and images used for the advancement of the CSFBHI for promotion of the award and for publicity and news reporting relating to it. (Note, recipient is not required to endorse CSFBHI or the Seventh-day Adventist Church.)
4. The award will be made only if a worthwhile qualifying candidate is available, in the absence of which it may not be awarded at all.
5. Recipients are eligible for only one award in their lifetime
6. The award will be made at the discretion of CSFB management, which reserves the right to vary the conditions in empathy with any unforeseen or award-worthy circumstance, as it relates to a particular application.
7. The successful applicant will be contacted and original documentation returned.
8. The award is not subject to appeal. However an unsuccessful applicant may reapply in a subsequent year.
9. The full \$A2000 may not necessarily be awarded in full.

Post applications to:

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Wahroonga NSW 2076

Email (with scanned documentation) to:

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