



The George Alexander Foundation Scholarships for Rural and Remote Placements.

GUIDELINES

(1) Rationale

One of CSU's mission statements has as its focus the development and retention of teachers in inland communities aiming to sustain rural and regional areas of Australia. Of significance for the Faculty of Education is the preparation of students for teaching in these areas, particularly, isolated or areas and promotion of the benefits of teaching in these communities.

(2) Purpose

The Faculty of Education provides funding each year to support preservice teachers to undertake a Professional Experience (PE) placement in a rural or remote location. Consideration and priority will be given only to those students applying to schools that are clearly fitting this parameter.

A preservice teacher will not typically be awarded funding if he/she chooses to return to their home town to complete a professional experience placement unless economic circumstances warrant it.

(3) Amount

The maximum amount to which a preservice teacher will be eligible for a scholarship is \$1000. Part allocation of this amount may be awarded. Preservice teachers may make application for funding in third or fourth year placements (if a 4 year program) or their final placement in any shorter course.

(4) Conditions

The funding is allocated to assist with any, or a combination of, the following:

- Travel to the school/service to undertake the experience. This may require using public transport or for expenses in the use of a personal motor vehicle. (It is to be noted that in the allocation of funds potential options for modes of travel will be examined.)
- Accommodation whilst undertaking the PE.
- These are to be clearly detailed on the application form.

If circumstances prevent a successful applicant from undertaking the placement either prior to, or during, the PE and they no longer meet scholarship criteria, then the appropriate scholarship amount (or part thereof) is to be refunded to the university.

Child Protection – It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that she/he has fulfilled the requirements of the state in which they are undertaking their PE placement in relation to "Working with Children" or criminal record checks.

(5) Criteria

Selection process will consider: grade point average, previous professional experience placements and Referee's Statement

(6) Procedure

The student is to submit the application form (downloadable from the PE website) though their campus PE Office to the PE Director on their campus. Application **Closing dates** for applications are also outlined on the website. **25th March for Session 1, 27th May for Session 2 and September 23rd for Session 3 2011.**

Applicants will be notified by staff in PE Office, in writing, of the success or otherwise of their application.

APPLICATION FORM

Applications must be submitted to committee by 25th March for Session 1, 27th May for Session 2 and September 23rd for Session 3 2011

1. Student Details

Name:	Student ID:
Home address with postcode	University Address
Mobile:	Telephone: Term
Email address:	

Do you have access to a car? **YES/NO (circle)**. Are you willing to travel by public transport **YES/NO (circle)**.

2. Course in which you are enrolled – you must complete every section

Campus:	Year of Course (must be third or final year):
Degree:	Intended location for your professional experience program. Must be Inland/rural/remote – more than 50 km from your campus
Professional Experience Subject Code:	Dates of Professional Experience program:
Duration of Placement	From _____ To: _____

Travelling/residing with other students on Professional Experience

If you are going to a rural/remote school with another student, please submit your grant applications together

PLEASE NOTE – funds are not available for placement in coastal or non rural communities or travel within 50 km of the applicant's campus.

3. Reasons for participation and other educational interests

a) Please outline your reasons for wishing to participate in a rural placement.

ANTICIPATED COSTS – this is just is an approximation of the costs.

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ITEM – Additional costs incurred during placement	NOTES	OFFICE USE ONLY- AMOUNT APPROVED
What rent board to you currently pay – excluding meals		
Rent/Board – What additional rent ABOVE your usual rent will you be required to pay while on placement		
Assuming you are staying AWAY from CSU, how far will you be travelling to get to the inland destination of your placement?		
If you're travelling to the inland placement on a DAILY basis , how far are you travelling each day?		
If you're travelling a long distance to the inland placement community AND then travelling more than 80 km per day, please give details and an explanation:		
<p>Possible additional expenses</p> <p>While undertaking your professional experience program, what other expenses might you incur eg child care. Please provide explicit details of costs etc :</p>		
<p>Possible Loss of Income</p> <p>While undertaking your professional experience program, what income will you NOT receive because of say, loss of part-time work? Please provide explicit details of hours worked per week; rate of pay etc:</p>		
Maximum grant awarded will be \$1000.00 based on your application and defined needs		

If you are successful in receiving a grant, the funds will be paid by cheque posted to the HOME address on the first page of the application or as a direct deposit if CSU has your banking details.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Director, Professional Experience on your home campus and/or Subject Co-ordinator before submitting the application.

