



**WAVERLEY**  
**RSL CLUB**

# *The Norman A Smith Memorial Scholarship*

**For Year 10 Students**

Provided by  
Waverley RSL Sub-Branch Inc.  
161 Coleman Parade, Glen Waverley, 3150

## **1 Introduction**

The Norman A. Smith Memorial Scholarship honours the memory of a man who was an active member of the RSL from 1947 until his death in November, 1982, and who worked tirelessly to assist ex-service people in the many problems that confronted them after their discharge from the services following the conclusion of the Second World War in 1945.

As an executive member of the Victorian Branch of the RSL, Norman expressed keen interest and concern in the welfare and personal development of young people through their education. He was also intensely interested in and involved with competitive sport as an administrator and encouraged young people to take an interest and participate in sporting activities and in their physical fitness.

The Scholarship was established in 1986 and has been awarded each subsequent year.

## **2 Object of the Scholarship**

To support a Year 10 student in continuing his or her education into tertiary studies with a view to becoming a leading member of a profession or trade and contribute to the further development of the nation to the benefit of all Australians. The sum awarded is to be applied towards meeting that objective.

## **3 Eligibility**

Any full time student at Year 10 level who -

- a) is a resident within the City of Monash; OR
- b) is attending a Secondary School within the City of Monash; AND
- c) is an Australian citizen or has permanent residency status in Australia.

## **4 Assessment of Candidates**

- a) The assessment process will be based on the following criteria: -
  - i Academic ability
  - ii Leadership qualities
  - iii Community awareness and involvement
  - iv Aptitude for clear and logical thinking
  - v Decision making skills

- b) Each applicant will be required to sit an examination comprising a multiple-choice section and an essay, to assess his/her general knowledge of Australia's historical and contemporary society and culture with particular emphasis on Civics and Citizenship.
- c) Prior to sitting the examination, each applicant will be required to submit to the examination supervisor -
  - i a personal resume; and
  - ii a research project,
 Further details, including response dates, will be advised following registration.
- d) The examination will be held on a Saturday morning in July on a date and time and at a location in the City of Monash, to be advised.
- e) The Scholarship Sub-Committee, in determining the winner, may carry out such checks or make further enquiries it deems necessary in order to assist in the assessment process.
- f) Following the assessment as outlined above, five finalists will be selected to attend an interview with a panel appointed by the Scholarship committee.

## **5 Value of the Scholarship**

- a) One Scholarship of \$8,000 (or such other amount as may be determined from time to time by the Committee of the Waverley RSL Sub-Branch Inc.) shall be awarded each year PROVIDED THAT the Scholarship Sub-Committee, having regard to the number of candidates and the standard achieved at the assessment, may recommend to the Waverley RSL that more than one award should be granted and the prize money distributed equally between them or that no award may be granted in that particular year.
- b) The Scholarship shall be payable in two equal instalments: -
  - i) The first instalment will be payable before the end of the school year in which the Scholarship is awarded;
  - ii) The second instalment will be payable before the end of the following year subject to receipt by the Scholarship Sub-Committee of a written report confirming satisfactory academic progress by the Scholar during year 11.

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